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*Dedicated to the Memory of My Grandfather*

DAVID AUSMUS (1856-1925)

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# Preface

The preface of a book is seldom read. You are requested to read this preface, for three reasons. First, it is short; second, it is written with common simple words; third, it may assist you in understanding what you are about to study.

All knowledge is either in the minds of individual persons, or in books and other records. Memory is not always a dependable agency for safe-keeping of knowledge. The mind has a way of playing tricks on its possessor. That information which is handed down by word of mouth often undergoes many changes and the true facts become mixed with each other, and the truth is not always preserved. While information is fresh in the minds of individuals, it should be written down and placed in safe-keeping for future generations.

My memory is good enough that I have been able to call between ten and twelve thousand people by name. I began working on Ausmus history when I was a teenager, writing down what my grandfather told me. But the loss of these records, plus the lapse of time, will no doubt lend toward confusion in the data which I have and the loss of other data which have been forgotten. This condition prevails, regardless of the nature of the information. Most families have been negligent in keeping accurate records of their own kin, to say nothing of records of persons whom they have known and with whom they have been closely associated. The Ausmus family has been no exception to general practice. The information compiled for this family history has come from old family Bible records and numerous gravestones in many graveyards. The greatest help on the history of the Ausmuses in Tennessee was compiled by Dr. Lawrence Edwards, author of *Old Speedwell Families*. I felt that it would be a disgrace not to put into book form my better than forty years of intermittent research. This will make the 210 years of Ausmus history available for future generations to enjoy. I am thankful for the wonderful spirit of cooperation received from so many fine people. After writing almost 700 letters, one becomes enthusiastic and excited about receiving material for a family history.

To help you understand the mechanics of this family history, I am starting with the children of Philip Ausmus. There were six children, four sons and two daughters. The first son and his descendants will be

listed under "1A1"; the second son, under "1B2"; the third son, under "1C3"; the fourth child was a daughter. Her family will be listed under the letter "1D4"; the fifth child, a daughter, under "1E5"; the sixth child, a son, will be listed under "1F6." The prefix-figure will represent the generation, then the capital letter designating the family, and the suffix-number will designate which child was born first, second, third, etc. For example, "1A1" is the first generation of the "A" family and the last figure shows this was the first child born in that family. Another example, "5B10." The "5" is for the fifth generation, the "B" is for the specific family and the "10" is for the tenth child born of that particular family. You may find "3A3" several times or "3B3," or "4C4" or "5F5" or "3F3" three or four times in each family, but in making reference the full name must be used to distinguish which "3A3" or "3F3" you wish to mention. Another example, "4A1" is Benjamin Franklin Ausmus and "4A1" is also Jesse LaFayette Ausmus. I doubt the occurrence of the same name and same number. However, it could happen. Each family is carried through 1962 before starting another, where the name Ausmus still exists.

In concluding this preface, I want to say in advance that I am not absolutely sure of all my data; I have tried to prove it the best I knew how. But often the most carefully kept records prove incorrect and unless checked and double-checked, may perpetuate an error for all posterity. Any errors which exist in the book may be due to the lack of information or it may be due to a misinterpretation of the material I received. If it is the latter, then I express my humble apology. Nevertheless, I hope you enjoy this book concerning Ausmus history.

HARRY LEE AUSMUS



# Introduction

It was 210 years ago, October 4, 1752, when Johann Peter Assum and his two sons, Philip and Benjamin, landed at the port of Philadelphia, after leaving Rotterdam, Holland, with Captain John Mason on the ship named *Neptune*. My grandfather always claimed they had landed at Jamestown, Virginia, October 2, 1755. But according to R. B. Strassburger's *Pennsylvania German Pioneers*, Vol. I, p. 493, the above date and place is correct. The four of them and their possessions weighed one thousand pounds. The wife of Johann Peter died on the way over and was buried at sea. When they left Rotterdam, they sailed by the way of Cowes, England, and then continued sailing for America.

This family belonged to the Tunker's or Dunkard's religious sect. This denomination first appeared in Germany at Schwartzenu in 1708, on the banks of the River Eder in Westphalia, and they were driven by persecution to Crefeld and Holland. Between the years 1719 and 1729, ninety-five percent of this religious sect had come to America, most of them were men of education and intelligence. By 1850 there were over 200,000 with 1000 ministers in the United States. The reason the Assum family landed in Pennsylvania rather than another colony, was because Germans were more kindly treated there. The Tunkers were an odd sect of people believing in unpretentious living. For baptism, they believed in dipping three times, face forward in a flowing stream. The rite of foot washing was followed by communion, by a handshake, symbolizing "the right hand of fellowship," and by "the holy kiss of charity" on the cheek. Each man shook hands and exchanged kisses with the man whose feet he washed and the man who washed his feet. This procedure was also done by the women. Many of them made it a point of wearing long beards, wearing coarse clothes, and walking with a solemn pace. Like other German sects, they refused to take oaths or bear arms. I went to Davis Creek Church with my grandfather to a foot washing and baptism. He was very true to his religion, but they called it Hardshell Baptist.

The researchers helping establish the facts could not find where the Ausmuses lived between the time of arrival and 1760. The next account of Peter Assum or Assam was found in Augusta County, Virginia, where he had paid tithables in 1760. During the eight-year period in which there is no account of the Assum family, they perhaps lived in Pennsylvania. The expense involved in tracing that period would have been more than the value.

Doctor John Franklin Vallentine (see under 3F8 Mary Jane Standley, *b.* October 18, 1860), Miss F. Flavia Converse, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Miss Katherine Anderson, Staunton, Virginia, Mrs. F. N. (Genevieve) Peters, Arlington, Virginia, also working in Richmond, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., did the most effective research. They found where Peter Assum bought 110 acres of land on April 30, 1770, lying between Peaked Mountain and the Shenandoah River in Augusta County, Virginia. This land joined Daniel Link, Prunemor's land, and Peter Fisher's line. The land had been surveyed by Thomas Lewis. According to the Register of Deeds, book 01, page 216, Peter Asam also bought 31 acres in Augusta County, Virginia, on the headwaters of Humes Run, a branch of the Shenandoah River on March 10, 1773.

It seems that every time they changed tax collectors, they changed the spelling of the name. In 1778, the northern part of Augusta County was cut off to help form Rockingham County and this same property and the tax paid on it was by Peter Osmos. Then in 1781, 30 acres of this 131 acres disappeared and Peter Osmus started paying taxes on 111 acres. Peter Osmos, Ousmus, Osmus, kept paying taxes on the same tract of land until 1802. Miss Converse searched through all the years to May of 1815 and could not find what disposition was made of the 111 acres of land. We did find in 1780 where Peter Ossmus paid tax on a 17-year-old daughter and again in 1782, he paid on a 17-year-old daughter, and had two daughters, age 5 and 7, not taxable. The taxable age started at age 16. The Rockingham County, Virginia, tax lists of 1782 states where Philip Asmus paid white tithes on one person, indicating he had no children 16 years of age. He paid tax on three horses and five cattle. He was also on John Thomas's tax returns, Captain Chrisman's Company.

The Shenandoah County, Virginia Wills listed a bill of sale of goods of Benjamin Ausden, who died on January 19, 1807. His name was found again and they spelled it as Ousmas. The administrator was Abraham Strichter. Traditionally, Ben was an herb doctor and was an old bachelor. He was, according to my grandfather, George Washington's doctor while George was a young surveyor in Western Virginia. Ben evidently was born about 1735, since he and Philip were under 21 years of age when they landed at Philadelphia. According to tradition, Johann Peter Assum, Osmos, Osmus, or Asmus was born 1711 and lived to be 95 to 105 years old. But since he stopped paying taxes in 1802, in all probability he died the same year, making him only 91 years of age. It is agreed by the specialized researchers and myself, that Johann Peter Assum or Osmos was the father of Philip Asmus or Osmos and Benjamin Ousden or Ousmas and they were all born in Germany. It seems reasonable that Peter married the second time about 1760 and they had two daughters.



The older one, Elizabeth Ozman, *b.* 1763, was given in marriage to John Hunter, Jr., in May, 1781. We don't know what happened to the other daughter. We are of the opinion that Peter married the third time and had two more daughters. These two were five and seven years old, listed on the tax list of 1782.

According to Book I, page 93, in the Register of Deeds Office at Jonesboro, Tennessee, John Hunter, Jr., on August 10, 1783, bought 299 acres on Cherokee Creek, Washington County, North Carolina, which states it was a grant but John had to pay 150 pounds to Hosea Rose, agent for the State of North Carolina. John had two other grants and he paid yearly 50 shillings, until the total amount was paid. Book I, page 282, states that John Hunter, Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth, sold to Peter Ruble, 50 acres for 25 pounds. According to the Register of Deeds office at Jonesboro, John Jr. evidently had brothers, Jacob, Caleb, William, and Joseph, who came to what is now Tennessee and all received land grants with the privilege of paying 50 shillings per year per 100 acres until full amounts were paid. William and John Jr. moved to Claiborne County in 1800.

Philip Ausmus' moving to Claiborne County in 1795 perhaps influenced his sister, Elizabeth, and her husband, John Jr. and John's brother, William to move into the same community. John and Elizabeth Ozmus Hunter had four sons; James, John, Solomon and Joseph. Joseph was born in Washington County, North Carolina, now Tennessee, on March 15, 1791, and married Betsy Moyers in Claiborne County, Tennessee. She was born in Rockingham, Virginia, in 1794. She was the daughter of Michael Moyers and his wife, Elizabeth. Michael and two of his brothers, Jacob and Philip, settled in Rockingham County, Virginia, and one brother, John, settled in Shenandoah County. They were all born in Germany. Michael and Elizabeth brought their seven children to Claiborne County, Tennessee in 1807 and paid \$800 for a farm about three miles from the Ausmus Fort. Their youngest son, John, born in Virginia in 1798, married Lou Ann Ausmus, a daughter of Henry 1A1. The Moyers name in Clairborne County, Tennessee, is pronounced "Myers." The Joseph Hunter who married Betsy Moyers was pastor of the Davis Creek Church for many years after the death of its founder, Philip Ausmus, who was an uncle of Joseph.

My grandfather always said the name was Ausmussin in Germany. In my research, the September 22, 1961 issue of *Time* magazine had an article on page 87 under Religion, about Dr. Hans Christian Asmussen of Hiedelberg, Germany. I wrote the Hiedelberg Chamber of Commerce and they sent his address to me. After corresponding with Doctor Asmussen, he claimed our name in Germany was Asmus and not Asmussen. He said the name was an old family name near Flensburg, which is north of Hamburg about 60 miles. I wrote the Flensburg Chamber of Commerce

and they replied in the German language which I had translated. They said there were four families living there but that they were not born in Flensburg. My grandfather claimed that Benjamin and Philip came from the state of Mecklenburg near the city of Schwerin and it was about 60 miles east of Hamburg. Evidently, my grandfather was correct. He said the name, Ausmus, meant "unchangeable" while some have said the word meant "stubborn."

Philip Ausmus was born in 1733, according to my grandfather, and came to America at the age of 22, but according to records, he was 19 years old. Grandfather said that Philip was 40 years old when he married Elizabeth Neva (called Betty) in Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. He said she was a tall black-headed woman, with sky-blue eyes and was an old-maid school teacher 30 years old when she married. I am in doubt about the maiden name "NEVA" but he wasn't. Philip was a Dunkard preacher (today's Church of the Brethren). There was a colony of Dunkards across the river from Staunton, Virginia, also one in the flats at Salem, Virginia, and another across the river from Radford, Virginia. Philip came to Washington County, North Carolina (now Tennessee) sometime in January 1783. He left Rockingham County, Virginia, after paying his 1782 taxes. In the Washington County Clerk's office, Book One, page 236, Minutes of the Quarterly Sessions of the County Court, February 2, 1783, ordered to be recorded a deed of conveyance from Jonathan Tipton to Phillip Ozamus for 200 acres of land and it was acknowledged in court. This deed was recorded October 21, 1783 as follows:

REGISTER OF DEED, RECORD BOOK 3, PAGE 272,  
Jonesboro, Tenn.

This indenture made the twenty first day October one thousand seven hundred and eighty three between Jonathan Tipton of Washington County and State of North Carolina of the one part and Phillip Ausummuss of the County and state afforsaid of the other Part witnesseth that the said Johnathan Tipton for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred pounds good lawfull money of the state afforsaid to him in hand paid by the said Phillip Ausummus the receipt whereof the said Jonathan Tipton doth hereby acknowledge hath granted allowed released and confirmed and by these presents doth grant allowed release and confirm unto the said Phillip Ausummus all that tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the county and state afforsaid containing two hundred acres. Beginning at a black oak thence south thereby degrees East 62 poles to a poplar thence south seventy six degrees east one hundred and seventy four poles to a hicory then south seven degrees east one hundred and seventy eight poles to a mahogany or mountain burch thence north seventy six degrees west one hundred and sixty four poles to a stake then South thirty five degrees west one hundred and forty six poles to the place of beginning-together with all woods waters



mines minerals hereditaments and appurtenances to the said land belonging or appertaining to hereunto the said Phillip Ausummus his heirs assigns forever which tract and parcel of land be the said Jonathan Tipton does hereby warrant and forever defend unto him the said Phillip Ausummus his heirs and assign from all and every person and persons claiming the same from by or under him or from by or under any of my heirs executors, administrators or assigns in all and every case whatsoever and In Testomony where as he the said Jonathan Tipton has hereunto sets his hand and affixed his seal the Day and Year first above written.

Witness John Sevier, Clerk Court

Johnathan Tipton  
Her  
Frances X Tipton  
Mark

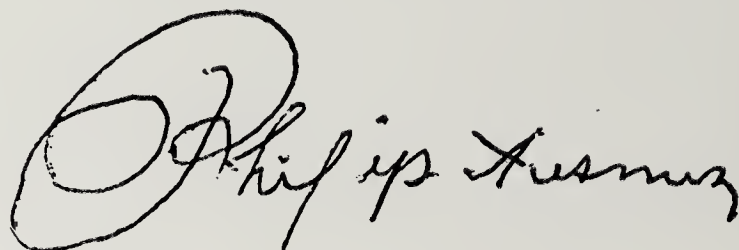
This land lies about one mile south of present-day Johnson City, Tennessee, on the east side of Sinking Creek, across the road from the James Boren and Mordicai Price farms. (Incidentally, they were also from Rockingham County, Virginia.)

Philip Ausmus and two of his sons, Henry and Peter, went to Powell Valley in 1792 or 1793, surveyed and staked off 600 acres of land. They started felling tall trees to build a fort-like house. At the same time, they were clearing and cleaning land for the planting of crops. After the buildings were built and crops gathered, Philip moved his family into the wilderness fort-like house. The house was a double log house without a floor or windows at first. The house had three port holes on each side reached by a ladder running up the wall on the inside to the loft. They used these port holes to shoot through when subdueing the Indians. When the Indians made their attacks, the neighbors would run to the Ausmus fort or house because it was bigger and safer. The Ausmus house was 28 feet by 18 feet with a four-foot front door. They also built another house about ten feet away which they used for a place to cook and eat. It was about twelve feet by fifteen feet and had a loft in it for sleeping. It was not a two-story like the main house. According to my grandfather, Philip Ausmus and his two older sons, Henry and Peter met at Yoakum Fort in 1795 with other pioneers and defied the Government when William Blount, the Governor of the Territory South of the Ohio River, had written them asking them to get off the Indian territory. The people at Yoakum Fort agreed to die before leaving their homes and crops and they so informed the Governor. In 1797, Philip Ausmus donated the land and the settlers all co-operated in the building of Davis Creek Church. Philip, being a Dunkard preacher, would take his German gun along with him whenever he preached. Mrs. Blanch Ausmus Hartman 4B4, still has the old Philip Ausmus gun. Philip preached in this church until his death in

1809. He was buried in the backyard of the church, of which he had such a great hand in establishing. The following spring after the death of Philip, there came a flood and Davis Creek overflowed Philip's grave. When Philip's wife, Betty, died in 1811, the family established the Ausmus Cemetery on higher ground, where they buried their mother. This Ausmus graveyard is kept in good condition and is being used today.

Grandfather said that Philip Ausmus was a little short of six feet tall and was sandy-haired, with gray-blue eyes and that he appeared to be the least bit stoop-shouldered. We could not ascertain what disposition Philip Ausmus made of his one-third of the 600-acre farm. Peter sold his 200 acres for \$160 on the 6th day of April, 1802, to Latin Ewell. Peter signed his name, Peter Asmus.

Below is the signature of Philip Ausmus when he sold a farm in Washington County, Tennessee, to Frederick Andrews on September 22, 1802. He visited in Washington County as late as 1806.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip Ausmus". The first letter "P" is large and loops around the first few letters of the first name.





Davis Creek Church,  
Built in 1797  
(Speedwell, Tennessee)



German-born Philip Ausmus' Grave, 1733-1809  
(behind Davis Creek Church).



# 1A1 The Henry Ausmus Family

2A1 BENJAMIN AUSMUS	2A6 ELIZA AUSMUS
2A2 RACHEL AUSMUS	2A7 JOHN AUSMUS
2A3 LOU ANNE AUSMUS	2A8 MALINDA AUSMUS
2A4 HIRAM AUSMUS	2A9 KATIE AUSMUS
2A5 ELIZABETH AUSMUS	2A10 MATILDA AUSMUS
2A11 CATHERINE AUSMUS	

1A1 Henry Ausmus, *b.* February 16, 1774, *d.* May 3, 1849; *m.* Malinda Price, February 16, 1799, in Washington County, Tenn. She was born January 14, 1782, and died April 4, 1864.

Henry Ausmus was born in Augusta County, Virginia, between Shenandoah Mountain and the Shenandoah River, not far from present-day Rawley Springs. At that time, the Humes Run branch was the headwaters of the Shenandoah River. This section became the southwestern part of Rockingham County in 1778. Henry came to Washington County, North Carolina, January, 1783, when he was about nine years old. His father, Philip, bought a 200-acre farm from Jonathan Tipton, situated on the east side of the highway across the road from James Boren and Mordecai Price, east of Sinking Creek. This is about one mile south of present-day Johnson City, Tennessee.

Traditionally, Henry and his brother, Peter, and their father, Philip, bought 600 acres of land in Powell Valley in 1792, which later turned out to be Claiborne County, Tennessee, near what is now known as Speedwell, Tennessee. They did not receive a deed for the land until 1802. They built a large double log house near a bubbling spring. The house was two logs long with a four-foot front door and two stories high. The size was about twenty-eight feet by eighteen feet. A ladder was built straight up the inside wall to climb into the loft, where they had three portholes on each side about two feet square. They also built another house about twelve by fifteen feet that was used for cooking and eating. The entire family did not move until the first of January 1795.

During the late fall of 1798, Henry went back to Sinking Creek, Washington County, and stayed until about the first of March, 1799. On



his twenty-fifth birthday he married a little sandy-haired girl, Malinda Price. She was about five feet tall and had a good personality. She was the daughter of Mordecai Price and his wife, Rachel Boren Price. The Prices came from Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, to Tennessee in 1776. Mordecai was born in Virginia in 1749 and died in Washington County, Tenn., August, 1799. His wife, Rachel, was the daughter of James and Sarah Boren or Boring, from Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. The Borens and Prices came to Tennessee together and bought land joining each other. Malinda had the following brothers and one sister: (1) Benjamin, *b.* 1778, *m.* Polly Denton; (2) James, *b.* 1780, *m.* Frances Threewitts; (3) Thomas, *b.* 1785, *d.* 1828, *m.* Margaret Harrison; (4) Dolphin, called "Doll," *b.* 1788, *m.* Mary Swanger; (5) Christopher, *b.* 1791, *m.* Mary McInturff; (6) Mordecai, Jr., *b.* 1794, *m.* Ines Thompson, *b.* 1801. They were married January 2, 1817 and moved to Claiborne County. They had two daughters who married Thomas brothers. Sarah, *m.* Thad Thomas; Julia, *m.* James Thomas. Mordecai's eldest son, Henry, *m.* Harriet Hopper, (Her mother was Louisa Carr.) They had five sons; John, James, Henry, Bill, and Dorsey. (7) Sarah, *b.* 1797, *m.* Samuel Wright.

Henry Ausmus was fairly well educated. He was a good business man; bought land in Washington County which he sold for a profit. He bought land several times in Claiborne County, totaling over a thousand acres, and also sold it for a profit. He helped James Stewart, a surveyor in Washington County, as a young man. He learned how to lay out roads and property lines, which helped him get a job in Claiborne County building roads. The roads he built from Old Town Creek to Wilson Gap from 1820 to 1843, a part of Highway 63 in Powell Valley, is still being used as he surveyed it 140 years ago. He was a dark brown-haired man, about five feet, ten inches tall, weighing about 180 pounds. His wife was jolly and always had something funny to tell. In her latter days, she would tell about riding along Brush Creek (now Johnson City) and seeing deer on the other side. She would tell about going to see horse racing as a girl. She enjoyed telling about slipping up on a deer, catching and holding on to it until someone came and killed the deer. She shot at three Indians trying to steal something or perhaps trying to kidnap her while the men were in the field working. She evidently shot one, as the other two picked up one Indian and carried him away. She never knew what happened to the one she shot.

Henry and Malinda lie buried in the Ausmus graveyard. The land was donated to the public for a cemetery by the Ausmuses.

2A1 Benjamin Ausmus, *b.* July 27, 1801 in Claiborne County, Tennessee, *d.* October 10, 1862, *m.* Anna Christina Dunn,\* *b.* May 4, 1802,

\* Pictured, p. 3.





2A1 ANNA CHRISTINA DUNN (1802-1881),  
Wife of Ben Ausmus (1801-1862).

*d.* June 23, 1881. They were married January 10, 1822. Anna was the daughter of Thomas Dunn, *b.* in Wythe County, Virginia, *d.* September 19, 1839 in Claiborne County, Tennessee, *m.* Peggy Beeler Smith, *d.* November 20, 1846. Thomas Dunn settled in Powell Valley, Tennessee in 1783 about one mile north of where the Ausmuses settled in 1795. Anna's brother, Johnny Dunn, married her husband's sister, Rachel Ausmus, the first daughter of Henry and Malinda Price Ausmus. Anna was a large woman. It is tradition that she weighed 300 pounds. She and Ben had 12 children. Ben Ausmus was over six feet tall, weighing about 225 pounds. He bought 160 acres of land from his father for \$600 on January 11, 1834, which included the old Ausmus fort-like house. His father and family moved into the smaller house old German Phillip had



lived in at the time of his death. Ben and his wife, Anna, lie buried in the Ausmus Cemetery on the old home place at Speedwell, Tennessee.

3A1 Franklin Ausmus, *b.* April 12, 1823, *d.* 1857, with the measles the day he was to have been married. He taught school several years.

3A2 Catherine (Katie) *b.* 1825, *d.* 1827.

3A3 Rachel Ausmus, *b.* November 1, 1828, *d.* April 15, 1902, *m.* Henry Morgan Sowder, *b.* January 18, 1830, *d.* June 18, 1915. They had 13 children. Their eldest, Annie Catherine, *b.* October 14, 1848, *d.* March 14, 1936; *m.* Henry G. Smith. Two of their children, Alida Smith, *b.* June 22, 1879, and David Oscar Smith, *b.* March 24, 1881, studied at Oxford University in England. David is a surgeon. They both were admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States bar in 1925. Miss Smith had conferred upon her the honorary degree, "Doctor of Humanities."

3A4 Hiram Ausmus, *b.* February 19, 1830, *d.* with the chills in Arkansas; *m.* Sally Bolinger, in Claiborne County in 1850.

4A1 Benjamin Franklin Ausmus, *b.* January 16, 1852, *m.* Mary Alice Rogers, *b.* May 16, 1857, *d.* December 25, 1930. They were married in Claiborne County, Tennessee in 1879. They had four sons.

5A1 Garfield, *b.* August 9, 1880.

5A2 Casper, *b.* December 8, 1881.

5A3 Oscar, *b.* December 16, 1883.

5A4 Elmer, *b.* ———, 1892.

3A5 Henry Ausmus,\* *b.* June 5, 1831, *d.* February 12, 1912, *m.* Matilda Bolinger, *b.* January 7, 1834. The Reverend Henry Ausmus was a Primitive Baptist minister. He served in the Union Army under his brother, Captain Bill Ausmus, during the War between the States, or Civil War. Henry was pastor of the Davis Creek Baptist Church from 1872 to 1912, the time of his death. He must have been exceptionally good, to hold a pastorate 40 years. This is the church his great-grandfather, Philip Ausmus, helped establish, and also preached in from 1797 to 1809. Henry and Matilda had ten children.

4A1 Rachel Ausmus, *b.* March 22, 1855, *d.* April 19, 1950 (95 years), *m.* Morrison McCreary.

4A2 Houston Ausmus, *b.* November 15, 1856, *d.* April 29, 1949, *m.* Matilda Wilson, *b.* February 20, 1860. They were married on April 4, 1878,

\* Pictured, p. 5.



3A5 HENRY AUSMUS, Pastor of  
Davis Creek Church.

and moved to Corbin, Kentucky. Matilda was the daughter of George Wilson of Speedwell, Tennessee. They had eight children.

5A1 Hugh Ausmus, *b.* October 4, 1879 in Speedwell, Tennessee, *d.* 1938. His father took him to Cooke, Wyoming in 1897, when Hugh was seventeen or eighteen years old, where he became an engineer on the Burlington Railroad. He married in Wyoming and had two children.

6A1 Bill Ausmus, lives at Hardin, Montana.

6A2 Margaret Ausmus, married and lives at Edgemont, South Dakota.

5A2 Belle Ausmus, *b.* January 18, 1882, *d.* 1930, *m.* a Masters. They had six children; (1) Owen, (2) Earl, (3) Florence, (4) Fred, (5) and (6) no names given.



5A3 Tilford Emitt Ausmus, *b.* in Claiborne County, Tennessee on September 2, 1884, *m.* Nell Hinkle, *b.* May 18, 1896. They have five children.

6A1 Ross Emitt Ausmus, *b.* May 4, 1916 at Corbin, Kentucky, *m.* Dorothy L. Vater, *b.* January 31, 1917 at Alexandria, Kentucky. They have one daughter.

7A1 Judy Ausmus, *b.* June 15, 1952 at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

6A2 Harold Eugene Ausmus, *b.* April 5, 1923.

6A3 James Edward Ausmus, *b.* January 25, 1925.

6A4 William Prentice Ausmus, *b.* November 24, 1927.

6A5 Mylio Margaret Ausmus, *b.* June 21, 1933.

5A4 Rhoda Ausmus, *b.* October 27, 1887 in Claiborne County, Tennessee, *m.* a Coffey at Gray, Kentucky. They have six children.

5A5 Roscoe Ausmus, *b.* September 22, 1890 in Claiborne County, Tennessee. He lives at Viola, Iowa.

5A6 Hattie Ausmus, *b.* June 15, 1894, *d.* 1949, *m.* Jim Berry. They have three children. They live in Waterloo, Iowa.

5A7 Bessie Ausmus, *b.* August 2, 1897, *m.* Frank Pardue, *b.* January 11, 1891. He is a retired Singer Sewing Machine Company employee, after working with them for 34 years. He and Bessie have one daughter, Ruth Pardue, *m.* George Gaines. They have one daughter, Marie, married to Robert Massie.

5A8 Charles Ausmus, *b.* September 9, 1900, *m.* Dorothy Poynter. Charles is a railroad coach painter. He and Dorothy have five children.

6A1 Harold Ausmus, *b.* 1926, *m.* Lavern Ballinger. Harold is a machinist in Louisville, Kentucky. They have two sons, David and Donald.

6A2 Mildred Ausmus, *b.* 1928, *m.* Anthony X. Safina. He is a chemist. They have two sons, John and Anthony Jr.

6A3 Betty Jo, *b.* 1932, *m.* Thomas Edrington. He is the manager of a bank. They have one son, Michael.

6A4 Charlsey Lee, *b.* 1940, *m.* John Johnson. He is a Rexall salesman. They have one son, Robert, and one daughter, Kimberly.

There was a Flora Ausmus, who had two children born in Mt. Vernon,



Kentucky. She put them in a children's home in Lyndon, Kentucky. We don't know whether she married an Ausmus or was an Ausmus by birth. She gave her name as Ausmus to the children's home when she entered the two children. Their names were Hugh and Georgia.

(1) Hugh Milburn Ausmus, *b.* March 11, 1896 in Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. His mother, Flora, put him in a children's home at Lyndon, Kentucky, where he stayed until 1904. At the age of eight he was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Turner of Cruise, Kentucky. He married Emma Elizabeth Johnson of Ozark, Missouri, *b.* October 18, 1896, *d.* August 18, 1947. Hugh owns and operates the Shamrock Cafe, Nubieber, California. He is a retired brakeman of the Western and Pacific Railroad. Hugh and Emma had four children.

7A1 Charles Lee Ausmus, *b.* November 15, 1931, *m.* (1) Brona Lee Crawford, *b.* August 27, 1932 in Helena, Montana. They had two children.

8A1 Charles Lee Ausmus, Jr. *b.* February 28, 1953.

8A2 Eve Elizabeth Ausmus, *b.* October 29, 1956.

Charles and Brona divorced and he married *m.* (2) Charlene Mae Smart, *b.* January 22, 1939, of Kansas City, Missouri. They have one son.

8A3 Ricky Eugene Ausmus, *b.* April 22, 1958.

7A2 Beatrice Loraine Ausmus, *b.* January 17, 1933.

7A3 Nyal Royce Ausmus, *b.* November 22, 1934.

7A4 Hugh Olin Ausmus, *b.* April 16, 1938.

(2) Georgia Smith Ausmus, *b.* November, 1897. After leaving the orphanage, she was reared by foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Smith, Broadhead, Kentucky. She married J. D. Crockett of Beech Grove, Indiana, a railroad employee.

4A3 Melvina Ausmus, *b.* January 16, 1859 in Claiborne County, Tennessee, *m.* Neap Graves.

4A4 Matilda Ausmus, *b.* July 22, 1862, *d.* January 11, 1921, *m.* Lafayette Berry, *b.* September 11, 1856, *d.* April 19, 1940.

4A5 Jane Ausmus, *b.* April 8, 1866, *m.* William Graves. She is still living at the age of 96.

4A6 Levi Ausmus, *b.* March 30, 1868, *d.* ———, *m.* Ellen Patton.

5A1 Lawrence Ausmus, *m.* Mary Siler. They have four sons.

4A7 Anne Ausmus, *b.* March 30, 1870, *d.* June 19, 1959 at Speedwell, Tennessee; *m.* Campbell Cawood (Bud) Rogers, *b.* June 21, 1869, *d.* October 3, 1940. They had eleven children: (1) Robert, *m.* (1) Lizzie Dunn; *m.* (2) Inez Dunn; (2) Henry, *m.* Jo Lee Bruce; (3) Cora, *m.* Mitchell Alexander; (4) Nell, *m.* Clyde Russell; (5) Eschol, *m.* (1) Grace Ellison, *m.* (2) a Beard *m.* (3) ———, (6) French, *m.* Jeanese Miller; (7) Etta, *m.* Dr. Luther Sharp; (8) Webster, *m.* Eleanor Smith; (9) Lena, *m.* Dewey Moyers; (10) Madge, *m.* Guy Bays; (11) Kermit, *m.* Helen Cartland.

4A8 Mary Etta Ausmus, *b.* May 18, 1872, *d.* ———, *m.* Joseph Porter Edwards, *b.* May 21, 1873, *d.* August 26, 1928.

4A9 Daniel Ausmus, *b.* July 19, 1874, *m.* Abbie Gail Sulfridge, *b.* March 11, 1879. She was the daughter of James and Melvinie Sutton Sulfridge. They have one daughter, Carrie Pearl. She married a Fairchild.

4A10 Elvin Ausmus, *b.* August 17, 1876, *d.* August 16, 1950, *m.* Louisa Hall, *b.* June 16, 1878, *d.* November 30, 1910.

5A1 Glen Ausmus. Information unavailable.

3A6 Thomas Ausmus, *b.* May 4, 1833, *d.* January 3, 1874, *m.* Polly Emily Rogers, *b.* June 8, 1835, *d.* May 29, 1898. They were married in Claiborne County in 1853. Thomas was a very progressive farmer. He owned a large farm and was very prosperous. He was walking over his farm when Annias Honeycutt ambushed him from a woodland with a shotgun. Honeycutt was tried at Tazewell, Tennessee and found guilty. The court sentenced him to hang. On the day of the hanging, over 5000 people assembled from Tennessee, Kentucky, and Virginia, to witness the affair. Lee D. Stone witnessed this hanging and said it was the largest crowd ever assembled at Tazewell before or since for any occasion. Thomas and Polly had four children.

4A1 Jesse LaFayette Ausmus (called Fate), *b.* January 30, 1854, *d.* June 23, 1876, *m.* Love Cawood. Jesse died before his only child was born. He was studying medicine when his father was murdered. He died three years later with pneumonia.

5A1 Jesse LaFayette Ausmus, Jr. (called Fate) *b.* October 1, 1876, *d.* September 2, 1957, *m.* (1) Rosie Bell Poston, *b.* June 5, 1878 in Campbell County, Tennessee, *d.* January 16, 1915. They married December 24, 1896. They had five sons and three daughters. *m.* (2) Mossie Ford Jones in 1917. She had married Will Jones and had five children. She and Fate had two



sons and three daughters. Fate was a hard working farmer. He owned the best farm in Fentress County, Tennessee before his retirement.

6A1 Maggie Ethel Ausmus, *b.* December 14, 1897. She married a Jones.

6A2 Thomas Claude Ausmus, *b.* August 31, 1900.

6A3 William Homer Ausmus, *b.* November 29, 1902, *m.* Elda C. Rousseau, *b.* April 12, 1905. They have three sons and two daughters. Homer has been employed by the Detroit Edison Company in Monroe, Michigan for 33 years.

7A1 Homer Eugene Ausmus, *b.* May 24, 1925, *m.* Madeline Dorothy Burgard, *b.* March 28, 1929. They were married January 21, 1950. They have three children.

8A1 Conrad Dennis Ausmus, *b.* May 5, 1952.

8A2 Cynthia Sue Ausmus, *b.* September 13, 1954.

8A3 Ross Anthony John Ausmus, *b.* October 24, 1956.

7A2 Kenneth Ray Ausmus, *b.* June 2, 1928, *m.* Maxine Mary Deal Allen, *b.* October 22, 1930. They were married December 26, 1950 and have three children.

8A1 David Wayne Ausmus, *b.* September 22, 1953.

8A2 Susan Marie Ausmus, *b.* September 22, 1954.

8A3 Thomas Ray Ausmus, *b.* March 11, 1958.

7A3 Hazel Ida Ausmus, *b.* September 30, 1930, *m.* Russell Edward Mathews, Jr., *b.* October 4, 1926. They were married July 14, 1947 and have three children; (1) Sharon Lee, *b.* May 11, 1948; (2) Russell Edward III, *b.* June 3, 1950; (3) Jack Ronald, *b.* November 7, 1952.

7A4 Donna Jean Ausmus, *b.* October 30, 1933, *m.* Charles Arthur Cheap, *b.* February 8, 1932. They were married February 28, 1953 and have two children; (1) Frank Charles, *b.* January 13, 1955; (2) Susann Marie, *b.* April 8, 1956.

7A5 James W. Ausmus, *b.* October 9, 1939.

6A4 Emma Mae Ausmus, *b.* January 16, 1905, *m.* Garrett Jones of Lyford, Texas.

6A5 John LaFayette Ausmus, *b.* November 11, 1906, *m.* Hettie May Ivey, *b.* January 17, 1911. John is working for Detroit Transmission, a division of General Motors. They have eight children.

- 7A1 John LaFayette Ausmus, Jr., *b.* July 22, 1930.
- 7A2 James Robert Ausmus, *b.* July 1, 1933.
- 7A3 Rosie Elizabeth Ausmus, *b.* May 6, 1937.
- 7A4 Barbara Ann Ausmus, *b.* July 26, 1940.
- 7A5 Harrison LaFate Ausmus, *b.* January 5, 1945.
- 7A6 Jack Benny Ausmus, *b.* July 23, 1948.
- 7A7 Mary Lou Ausmus, *b.* November 23, 1950.
- 7A8 Danny Lee Ausmus, *b.* July 30, 1956.
- 6A6 Gladys Lucille Ausmus, *b.* September 6, 1908, *m.* a McCulley.
- 6A7 James Everette Ausmus, *b.* October 25, 1911, *m.* ———.
- 6A8 Ralph Elden Ausmus, *b.* November 6, 1913, *m.* Madie Goins, *b.* April 12, 1912. They have one son.
- 7A1 Ralph David Ausmus, *b.* January 24, 1941.
- 6A9 Jessie Ausmus.
- 6A10 Elmer Ausmus.
- 6A11 Millie Ausmus.
- 6A12 Gracie Ausmus, *m.* an Underwood.
- 6A13 Edna Ausmus.
- 4A2 William Thomas Ausmus, *b.* August 26, 1862 (twin), *d.* November 6, 1931, *m.* Mary Jane Carr, *b.* November 24, 1864, *d.* April 4, 1923. They were married in Claiborne County, Tennessee, June 26, 1887. Bill, as he was called, was a very prosperous farmer. He and his twin brother, John, lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in the coal mining business. He served three terms as state representative and two terms as State Senator, serving Claiborne, Campbell, Scott, and Union Counties, Tennessee. Bill and Mary Jane had two sons and two daughters.
- 5A1 Alfred Casper Ausmus (called Cass), *b.* May 15, 1888, *d.* June 25, 1960; *m.* Mattie Williams. They had one daughter, Hazel, *b.* 1917. She married John Miller Davis. They both teach school in Knox County, Tennessee. Cass owned the 590-acre farm his grandfather, Thomas Ausmus, owned when he was killed by Honeycutt.
- 5A2 Nora Ausmus, *b.* December 21, 1891, killed herself in 1923; *m.* Mitchell Alexander. They had three daughters and one son. (1) Fannie Lee,



*m.* Herman Wells, a brother to Ovid Wells, who married Hallie Ausmus; also his sister, Viola, married Benjamin Franklin (Frank) Ausmus; (2) Bill Alexander, *m.* Georgia Cavin; (3) Barbara, *m.* Wallace Turner; (4) Lydia, died when she was a senior in high school.

5A3 Benjamin Franklin Ausmus, *b.* June 17, 1894, *d.* January 2, 1946, *m.* Viola Wells, *b.* August 10, 1900. Frank was a six-foot, 250 pounder with blue eyes and brown hair. Frank owned the best 350-acre farm in Powell Valley, which had one of the antebellum homes built by the Kincaids in 1840. Frank ran in the Republican primary for Trustee of Claiborne County. He and his opponent, Clarence Richardson, agreed not to spend any money, but Richardson spent ten thousand dollars to beat Frank. (This amount was talked around Tazewell, Tennessee.) The Democratic party nominated Frank after the Republican primary and Frank won in the general election. He ran again two years later on the Republican ticket and won. Viola was the daughter of Squire Robert Wells (called Babe) and Mary Bowman. Viola is now living in Washington, D.C. They had three sons; one died in infancy, Ben F. Jr., was killed in an automobile accident, one lived to manhood.

6A3 William Thomas Ausmus (called Little Bill), *b.* June 25, 1927, was graduated from Riverside Military Academy in Georgia. He is operating a coal mine at Middlesboro, Kentucky. His associate is Dennis Smith. Bill is single.

5A4 Nell Ausmus, *b.* April 5, 1903, *m.* John Wilson. They have no children.

4A3 John Franklin Ausmus (twin), *b.* August 26, 1862, *d.* December 12, 1938, *m.* Matilda Walden, *b.* August 31, 1887. She was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Walden and Martha Bolton Walden. The Waldens blazed the trail for Daniel Boone. Elisha Walden explored a part of Powell Valley about 1760. Walden's Ridge is named in his honor. John Ausmus was a good farmer in his early days. He was about fifty years old before he married. He served as Claiborne County representative in Nashville about 6 years. He and his twin brother, Bill, went into the coal mining business and lost large sums of money during a nationwide recession. He owned and operated the Ausmus Flour Mill in LaFollette, Tennessee. He and James (Jim) Rogers and Dr. Adams built two main corner buildings in LaFollette. John and Matilda had one daughter.

5A1 Rosalie Ausmus,\* *b.* October 27, 1912, *m.* Wade Keever. They were married June 11, 1933 by the Reverend Tutt in Middlesboro, Kentucky.

\* Pictured, p. 12.



After graduating from the University of Tennessee, in 1935, he was coach at Junior High School in Johnson City, Tennessee. While working on his Master's degree at the University of Tennessee, he was coach of the Freshman team in football. The recent head coach of U.T. football team, Bowden Wyatt, was on the freshman team. After Wade received his



5A1 ROSALIE AUSMUS KEEVER,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

Master's degree, he coached at Knox County's Fulton High School. During World War II he was stationed in Alaska as Field Director with the Red Cross. He is presently engaged in constructing better homes in and around Knoxville. Rosalie is interested in many clubs and associations such as DAR, UDC. She is secretary of the Civil War Centennial Committee of Knoxville, Past Secretary of the Association of the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities. She is a member of the Board of the



Restoration of the James White Fort Association. In 1960, she was Historian for the Tennessee Rose Society. She was chairman of the Women of East Tennessee for States Rights in 1956. They were fighting this powerful central government. She is constantly speaking to a Flower Club or some other organization, in which her varied interests lie. She and Wade have two sons: (1) Dale Wade Keever, *b.* August 16, 1939. He attended Lincoln Memorial University and is now a Junior at the University of Tennessee, where he is majoring in real estate. He sings in the college choirs. He is an Eagle Scout. (2) John Ausmus Keever, *b.* February 12, 1949. He is a student in the Knoxville schools.

4A4 Margaret Ann Ausmus, *b.* December 24, 1871, *m.* John Yoakum. Margaret Ann is very active in the operation of her Powell Valley farm. Her mind is alert and keen, even for a person half her age. They had three children. (1) Cora A., *b.* July 26, 1893, *m.* Robert Shipley; (2) Eva L., *b.* April 26, 1895, never married; (3) Fred, *b.* 1898.

3A7 William B. Ausmus\* (called Captain Bill), *b.* December 27, 1834, *d.* November 11, 1907. *m.* (1) Sarah J. Cawood, *b.* November 24, 1842, *d.* February 2, 1869; *m.* (2) Adeline Cawood, *b.* October 20, 1847, *d.* July 11, 1897; *m.* (3) Dorcas Branscomb, *b.* May 20, 1862, *d.* March 16, 1940. He was a Captain of the Sixth Regiment of East Tennessee Volunteers Infantry of the United States Army. He was on the Union side during the Civil War. He was not only a good soldier, but was a good man. He was respected as much as any Ausmus or other names that ever lived. He was Captain over some of his brothers and brothers-in-law. He had one child by his first wife. One can see she died before the Civil War ended. He and his second wife had nine children; he and his third wife had three children. All were reared and educated above the average.

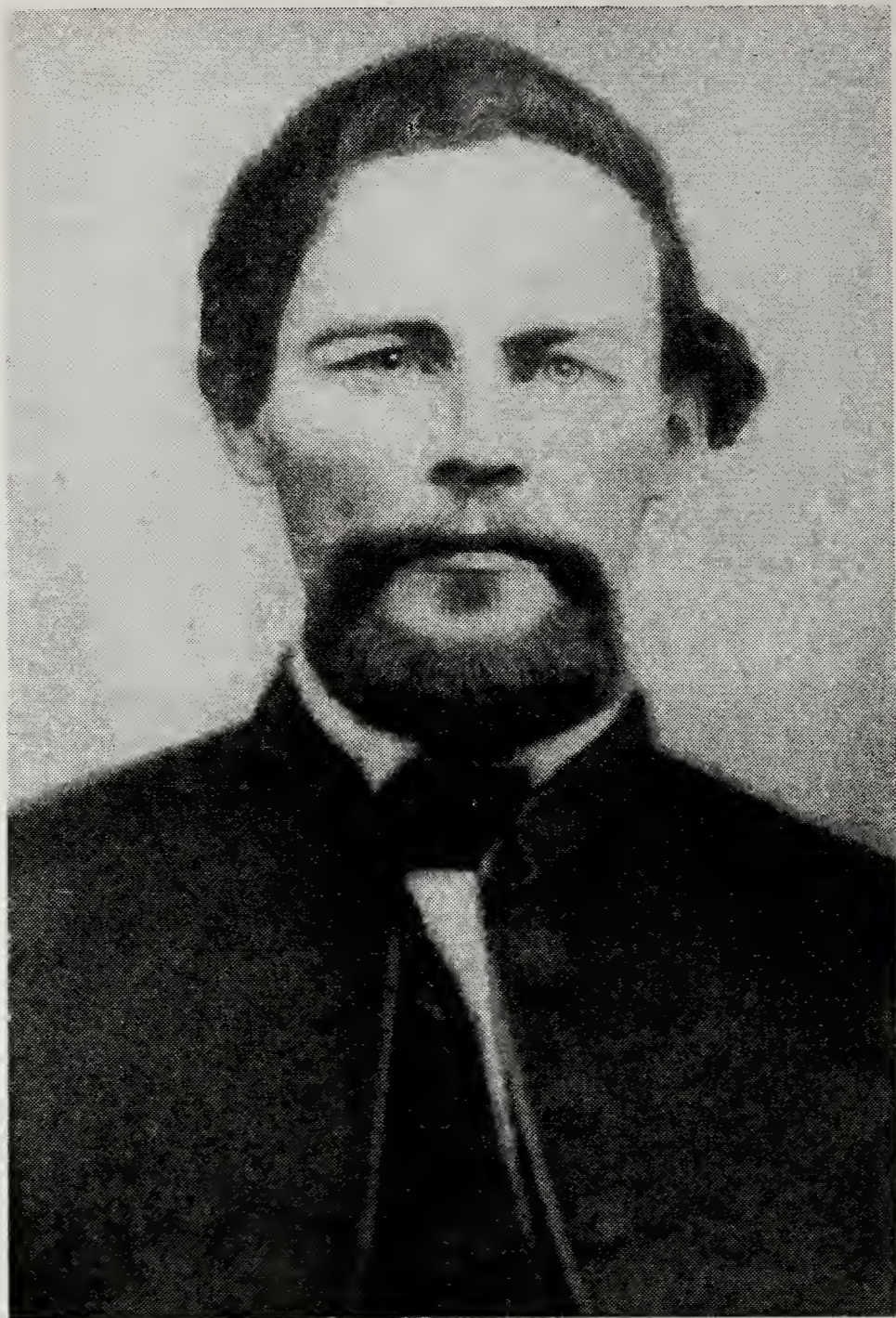
4A1 Capt. Bill's *m.* (1) Molly Ausmus, *b.* June 22, 1861, *d.* December 11, 1933, *m.* Adolphus McHenry. They had one child: William Jackson McHenry, *b.* July 7, 1877, *d.* May 30, 1945, *m.* Ollie Mossie Kivett, *b.* December 11, 1878, *d.* February 1, 1946.

4A2 Capt. Bill's *m.* (2) Anne Ausmus, *b.* March 12, 1869, *d.* February 18, 1935, *m.* Doctor (Blue) John Ausmus, *b.* December 11, 1863, *d.* February 12, 1933. They were first cousins. Dr. (Blue) John was the son of John Franklin Ausmus who was killed in the Civil War at Altoona Station, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. He was a first Lieutenant and was buried in Soldiers Cemetery, at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

He was a brother to Captain Bill Ausmus. This John, *m.* Minerva

\* Pictured, p. 14.





3A7 CAPTAIN WILLIAM (Bill) AUSMUS  
of the Union Army. Died Nov. 11, 1907.

Rogers and they had three children, of which their third child was Dr. (Blue) John F. Ausmus. John F. Sr.'s wife, Minerva, later married John Kivett. The children of Anne and Dr. (Blue) John will be listed under his name later in this same family.

4A3 Emma Ausmus, *b.* March 5, 1871, *m.* Jesse Russell, *b.* July 7, 1864; *d.* November 19, 1949. They had the following children: (1) Clyde, *m.* Nell Rogers; (2) Lottie, *m.* Verlin Ellison; (3) Nola, *m.* John Harrison; (4) William (Bill), *m.* (1) Mary Jane Owens, *m.* (2) Anne Sweat, *m.* (3) Lois Rogers; (5) Charley, *m.* Icey Rogers; (6) Harriet, *m.* Robert Brewer; (7) Frank, *m.* (1) Louise McComb; (8) Milton, *m.* Arletta Bolinger; (9) Fred, *m.* Thelma Williams; (10) Annette, *m.* Clyde Ellison; (11) Clarence, *m.* Bonnie Clawson; (12) Malinda, *m.* Rex Owens.



4A4 Lizzie Ausmus, *b.* 1874, *d.* 1907. She never married.

4A5 Margaret Ausmus, *b.* 1876, *m.* John Easterly.

4A6 Rachel Ausmus, *b.* May 22, 1878, *d.* June 20, 1917; *m.* Christian Marshall Owens, *b.* September 15, 1871, *d.* November 6, 1954. The children of Rachel and Christian Marshall will come under 2A7. John Ausmus' daughter, Mary, married Jacob Owens.

4A7 Matilda Ausmus, *b.* December 5, 1879; *m.* Neal Lambert, *b.* February 25, 1872. They had eight children; (1) Floy, *b.* December 4, 1899, *m.* Troy Ausmus; (2) Etta, *b.* June 6, 1901, *m.* Homer McCoy; (3) Charlie, *b.* October 30, 1902, unmarried; (4) Hattie, *b.* January 3, 1905, *m.* George Miracle; (5) William, *b.* July 27, 1906, *m.* Rachel Owens, (6) Ben, *b.* August 5, 1908, *m.* ——— (7) Lottie, *b.* August 23, 1915, *m.* Albert Davis.

4A8 Malinda Ausmus, *b.* ———, *d.* May 25, 1955, *m.* Frank Marion Edwards, *b.* May 12, 1875, *d.* May 8, 1937. Malinda was Frank's second wife. They had eight children; (1) Fred Roy, *b.* October 1, 1899, *m.* Lucile Cure; (2) Sampson Harrison, *b.* June 28, 1901, *m.* May Porterfield; (3) William Ben, *b.* November 19, 1903, *m.* Wiletha Sheppard; (4) James R., *b.* November 1, 1906, *m.* Delia Dyer, (5) Troy B., *b.* June 26, 1908, *m.* Nettie McDermott; (6) Ralph Porter, *b.* April 11, 1911, *m.* Lenora Shipman; (7) Wayland, *b.* July 31, 1914, *m.* Dale Holder; (8) Christine, *b.* January 19, 1917, *m.* Roland Mize.

4A9 James Canady Ausmus, *b.* December 24, 1884, *m.* Matilda Edwards, *b.* March 22, 1881, *d.* February 5, 1951.

5A1 Walter Laudy Ausmus, *b.* December 4, 1904, *d.* August 10, 1942, *m.* Theta Merle Cox, *b.* February 16, 1908. She was the daughter of Walter Edward and Melvina May Howard Cox.

6A1 Maradell Ausmus, *b.* August 2, 1928, *m.* Bob Gene Black, *b.* June 26, 1925. They have two children: (1) Ricky Lynn, *b.* September 9, 1953, (2) Connie Jean, *b.* December 29, 1956.

6A2 Joy Ausmus, *b.* May 14, 1931, *m.* Bobby Dale James, *b.* January 9, 1929. They have two children. (1) Deborah Dale, *b.* May 23, 1951; (2) Terence Shane, *b.* October 20, 1957.

5A2 Cassie Gertrude Ausmus, *b.* July 24, 1904, *m.* George Crump.

5A3 Jessie Frank Ausmus, *b.* October 9, 1905, *d.* December 9, 1943, *m.* Juanita Lucado.

5A4 Ira Carl Ausmus, *b.* September 3, 1907, *d.* February 4, 1912.

5A5 Lottie Leota, *b.* March 30, 1909, *d.* October 23, 1911.

5A6 Ernest Clyde Ausmus, *b.* January 10, 1913 (twin), *m.* Helen Shores.

5A7 Edwin Claude Ausmus, *b.* January 10, 1913 (twin), *m.* Mae Nola Bennett.

4A10 Capt. Bill's *m.* (3) Lou Gillie Ausmus, *b.* May 30, 1899, *m.* Fred V. Brantley, *b.* January 15, 1894. His mother was Adeline Ausmus. Gillie, as she is known, and Fred have the following children: (1) Gladys Corinne, *b.* January 26, 1922, *m.* Robert Denton; (2) Mildred Beatrice, *b.* June 15, 1924 (single) (3) William Conley, *b.* April 5, 1926, *m.* ———, (4) Myrtle Annete, *b.* July 10, 1929, *m.* Albert Romines.

4A11 Conley C. Ausmus, *b.* September 15, 1900, *m.* Ester Ausmus, *b.* April 17, 1899. They are also listed under 4A3, Jefferson Campbell Ausmus, at 5A2 Ester. She is a descendant of 2A4 Hiram Ausmus. Conley's grandfather, Ben Ausmus, and his wife Ester's great-grandfather, Hiram, were brothers.

4A12 William L. Ausmus, *b.* May 20, 1902, *d.* November 23, 1953, *m.* Pearl Head, *b.* March 21, 1910. Bill, as he was called, was an insurance salesman and was very active in the City of Knoxville. He held office in the city government. They have two daughters.

5A1 Barbara Jo Ausmus, *b.* May 14, 1940, is a senior at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

5A2 Patricia Kay Ausmus, *b.* December 10, 1945, is a senior in the Knoxville High School.

3A8 Susan Ausmus, *b.* June 28, 1837, *d.* July 28, 1908, *m.* (1) Henry Hunter; *m.* (2) Calloway Groves, *d.* March 20, 1892. Susan had sixteen children, two by Henry Hunter and fourteen by Calloway Groves. (1) *m.* (1) Lucinda Hunter, *m.* Monk Miller, (2) Elizabeth, *m.* Scott Whited; (10) *m.* (2) Henry Morgan Groves, *m.* Nancy Miller; (2) William, *m.* Ellen Boruff; (3) Elim *m.* Caroline Keck; (4) John, *m.* Ema Miller; (5) Francis, *m.* Lucy Browning; (6) Oscar, *m.* Mossie Miller; (7) Lafayette, never married; (8) Casper, *m.* Molly Browning; (9) Kate, *m.* Joe Keck; (10) Ester Christine, *m.* Isaac Cooke; (11) Sarah, *m.* Henry Keck; (12) Matilda, *m.* Paris Owsley, (13) Duenna Belle, *m.* Marion Keck, (14) Mary Malinda, *m.* Eli Keck.

3A9 John Franklin Ausmus, *b.* January 4, 1839, killed in Civil War in 1864 at Altoona Station, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee; *m.* Minerva Rogers, *b.* September 4, 1841, *d.* February 3, 1916. Her second marriage was to John Kivett. John Ausmus and Minerva had three children.



4A1 Emily Ausmus, *m.* LaFayette Stiner. They had one daughter, Sophronia, *m.* Henry Hooper.

4A2 William Harrison Ausmus, *b.* March 17, 1862, *d.* January 26, 1924, *m.* Anne Russell, *b.* April 28, 1858, *d.* January 12, 1934. They were married in Claiborne County in 1881. Anne was the daughter of Jason Russell and his wife, Elizabeth Rogers Russell.

5A1 Margaret Ann Ausmus *b.* August 14, 1882, *d.* June 15, 1933, *m.* Emmett Floyd, *b.* July 20, 1872. They had four children; (1) Jeanette, *m.* David Duncan; (2) Evelyn, *m.* Walter P. Mauk; (3) Louise (a twin) *m.* John H. Harrison; (4) Lucille (a twin) *b.* February 15, 1915, was graduated from Bowling Green, Kentucky School of Commerce. She is a secretary, not married.

5A2 Isaac Casper Ausmus, *b.* June 18, 1884, *d.* March 22, 1959, *m.* Margueritte Roddinizer.

5A3 Harriet Ausmus, *b.* April 9, 1886, still single and living in Middlesboro, Kentucky. She contributed information to this history.

5A4 Lucille Ausmus, *b.* March 31, 1888, *d.* September 16, 1918.

5A5 Grover Ausmus, *b.* April 11, 1893, *d.* December 12, 1916.

5A6 Roy Lee Ausmus, *b.* February 25, 1895, *d.* December 29, 1959, *m.* Lola Burke, *b.* December 25, 1899. She was graduated from Union College at Barboursville, Kentucky. She teaches in Middlesboro city schools. Roy was in the grocery business most of his life.

6A1 Jean Burke Ausmus, *b.* August 24, 1924. She was graduated from Eastern State College at Richmond, Kentucky. She is teaching in the city schools at Middlesboro, Kentucky.

6A2 Joseph Wayne Ausmus, *b.* August 28, 1934. He was graduated from Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennessee. He is attending the Louisville, Kentucky School of Medicine.

5A7 John Lawrence Ausmus, *b.* June 11, 1899, *d.* January 27, 1948, *m.* Mabel Morgan, *b.* February, 1910. She was reared in Williamsburg, Kentucky. John was a traveling salesman. They had one child.

6A1 William (Bill) Harrison Ausmus, *b.* November 23, 1927. He was graduated from Fork Union Military Academy. He was a star basketball player. He is six feet, five inches. He made the All-star football players of the Southeastern Conference. He attended the University of Kentucky and was offered a job to play professional basketball with the House of



David. After one year with the House of David, he was elected manager of the Vagabond Kings, where he played four seasons. He is still single.

5A8 Mildred Lunette Ausmus, *b.* January 16, 1901, *d.* February 28, 1940, *m.* David Duncan.

4A3 John Franklin Ausmus (Dr. Blue John), *b.* December 11, 1863, *d.* February 11, 1933, *m.* Anne Ausmus, *b.* March 12, 1869, *d.* February 16, 1935. They were first cousins. Anne was Captain Bill Ausmus' daughter by his second marriage. Dr. Blue John was graduated from the Tennessee Medical College in the year of 1892 at Knoxville, Tennessee. He and Anne lived next door to the Davis Creek Baptist Church, which his great, great, great-grandfather, Philip helped establish. Dr. John and Anne had eight children.

5A1 James Casper Ausmus, *b.* October 9, 1888, *m.* Clemmie Cardwell of Lone Mountain, Tennessee. She was the daughter of Eugene W. and Mary Jane Smith Cardwell. Clemmie attended Carson-Newman College, Lincoln Memorial University and East Tennessee State College. She taught school for 31 years in the Bell County, Kentucky school system. She died May 4, 1962 of a heart attack. Dr. James Casper attended Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennessee, Hildon College, Williamsburg, Kentucky, Lincoln Memorial University Medical School at Knoxville, Tennessee. He is a World War I veteran. He began practicing medicine in 1914 near Middlesboro, Kentucky. He and his son are associated with the Cumberland Clinic in Middlesboro, Kentucky.

6A1 James Casper Ausmus, Jr., *b.* November 14, 1926, *m.* LaVera Jeffreys of Knoxville, Tennessee, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Jeffreys of Knoxville, Tennessee. Dr. J. C. Jr., graduated from Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Georgia in 1944 and the University of Tennessee with a B.A. and M.S. degree. He spent two years in World War II. He graduated from the Chicago College of Osteopathy. He interned in the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, from 1957 to 1958. In 1958 he built the Cumberland Clinic in Middlesboro, Kentucky. He is a member of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, A.S. Bacteriologist, American Osteopathic Assn., Pi Kappa Alpha Frd., Sigma Sigma Phi Honorary Frat., Atlas Club. Dr. J. C. Jr., and LaVera have two sons.

7A1 James Casper Ausmus III, *b.* July 26, 1954

7A2 Claude Jeffreys Ausmus, *b.* March 16, 1956.

5A2 Hattie Florence Ausmus, *b.* June 12, 1890, *m.* Walter Monday. They have three children; Kermit, Juanita, and Floyd.

- 5A2 Lillie May Ausmus, *b.* May 21, 1893, *m.* Lee Andrew Miracle. They have one daughter, Blanche Annette, *b.* August 4, 1913, *m.* Hubert Mountain. They have one son, Johnny Lynn Mountain, *b.* October, 1944.
- 5A4 Floyd Esco Ausmus, *b.* September 11, 1895, unmarried. He is with a railroad company.
- 5A5 Mamie Dallas Ausmus, *b.* January 5, 1901, *m.* Charles R. Moyers. He is a descendant of Michael and Elizabeth Moyers, originally from Germany, who settled in Rockingham County, Virginia, in 1785. Dallas and Charles have three children; Wade, Gene, and Katherine.
- 5A6 Jessie Hobart Ausmus, *b.* February 17, 1903, *m.* Elsie Gibson, *b.* March 22, 1906. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Gibson. He takes a big hand in the Powell Valley political affairs and is a very successful farmer. Jess was president of the Powell Valley Community Improvement when the Community won first award. Jess is very active in Claiborne County. He and Elsie have one daughter.
- 6A1 Reba Kate, *b.* March 14, 1926, *m.* Edward Tim Thomas. She teaches school at Rule High in Knoxville, Tennessee.
- 5A7 Ira Curtis Ausmus, *b.* October 3, 1905, *m.* Kate Hayes Sluss, *b.* September 11, 1910. She was graduated from Lincoln Memorial University with a B.S. degree in 1956. She attended the University of Tennessee, specialized in teaching retarded children. Curt is a dairy farmer. They have three children.
- 6A1 Lucile Ausmus, *b.* February 10, 1928, *m.* Jack Ray. Lucile attended Lincoln Memorial University, East Tennessee State and Towsen Teachers' College in Baltimore, Maryland.
- 6A2 John Fred (Jack) Ausmus, *b.* February 18, 1930, attended East Tennessee State and Tennessee Polytechnic Institute at Cookeville, Tennessee. Jack owns and operates the only Grade A dairy route in Powell Valley. *m.* Pauline Peevely. She was graduated from Lincoln Memorial University with a B.A. degree in 1953. They have two sons.
- 7A1 Art Harold Ausmus, *b.* May 19, 1955.
- 7A2 Craig Ausmus, *b.* October 15, 1957.
- 6A3 Claude Curtis Ausmus, *b.* August 19, 1934. He was graduated from the Southern College of Watchmakers at Memphis, Tennessee and the Watchmakers College of Elgin, Illinois. He owns and operated Callison's Jewelry Store in Middlesboro, Kentucky. He is married and has one son.



7A1 Mark Curtis Ausmus, *b.* November 25, 1959.

5A8 Edna Blanch Otella Ausmus, *b.* September 3, 1909, *m.* Edward Davis. They both teach school in the Knox County School system. They have one daughter, Sue Carol, who is very successful in the theatre. She has played leading rolls in Barter Theatre in Abingdon, Virginia. She is now in Dallas, Texas with a theatre.

3A10 Joseph (Joe) Ausmus, *b.* September 11, 1841, *d.* June 3, 1912, *m.* Polly Ann Hunter, *b.* Sept. 2, 1842, *d.* February 5, 1918. She was the daughter of Jefferson and Martha Davis Hunter. Jeff was the grandchild of John and Elizabeth Ozman Hunter who married in Rockingham County, Virginia. Joe's great-grandfather, Philip Asmus, Ausmus, was a half-brother to his wife's great-grandmother, Elizabeth Ozman or Ausmus. Joe and Polly had six children.

4A1 Jane Ausmus, *b.* October 5, 1866, *d.* October 13, 1930, *m.* Jefferson Edwards, *b.* October 1, 1860, *d.* October 18, 1932. They had eleven children; Lincoln, Lucinda, Lou, Polly, Verlin, Dave, Lon, James, Mae, Minnie, and Edna.

4A2 Sarah Ann Ausmus, *b.* 1869, *m.* Jess Hall. They had nine children; Lincoln, China, Hugh, Hassie, Lloyd, Tilman, Della, Lawrence, and Frank.

4A3 Rachel Ausmus, *b.* 1872, *m.* John Hunter, *b.* June 15, 1870, *d.* April 13, 1933. John and Rachel were first cousins as John's mother was a sister to Rachel's father. They had three children.

4A4 Henry Ausmus, *b.* June 2, 1875, *m.* Lelia Dunn, *b.* March 5, 1885, *d.* July 12, 1940. They had eight children.

5A1 Vesta Ausmus, *b.* April 18, 1906, *m.* a Chadwell.

5A2 Frank Ausmus, *b.* August 2, 1907, *m.* Dallas Hopper Braden.

5A3 Ada Ausmus, *b.* September 20, 1910, *m.* Luther Moyers.

5A4 Fred Ausmus, *b.* September 2, 1913, *m.* Etta Mayes.

5A5 Florence Ausmus, *b.* December 5, 1915, *m.* a Harrington.

5A6 Verda Ausmus, *b.* July 22, 1921, *m.* a Mayes.

5A7 Ruby Ausmus, *b.* April 4, 1925, *m.* a Breeden.

5A8 Troy Ausmus, *b.* February 11, 1927.



4A5 Adeline Ausmus, *b.* April 25, 1882, *d.* August 24, 1951, *m.* J. M. Wilder. They had five children; Verda, Hallis, Bertha, Claudia and Uretha.

4A6 Oscar Ausmus, *m.* Sara Belle Edwards. Their children; Joe, Pollyann, Edgar, Clive and others.

3A11 Benjamin Ausmus, *b.* September 10, 1843, *d.* May 31, 1928. *m.* (1) Barbara Hunter in Claiborne County in 1863; *m.* (2) China O'Dell in Claiborne County in 1881; *m.* (3) Martha Adaline Beeler.

4A1 *m.* (1) Catherine (Katie) Ausmus, *b.* September 24, 1866, *d.* August 22, 1940, *m.* William Marshall Ellison, *b.* December 23, 1854, *d.* August 21, 1935. They had three children; Bessie, Myrtle, and Charlie. You will find these listed again under 1D4, Susannah Ausmus, *b.* 1781, *m.* James Ellison, *b.* 1778.

4A2 Linnie Ausmus, *b.* December 1868, *m.* Isaac Bolinger. Their children were; Grace, Walter, and Lawrence.

4A3 Emma Ausmus, *b.* 1870, *m.* John Graham. He was postmaster of Knoxville post office for many years until he retired. They had six children; Ben, Jim, Charles, Mary, Linnie, Emma, and John.

4A4 William Ausmus, *b.* February 18, 1872, *m.* Maggie Kelly.

4A5 James M. Ausmus, *b.* June 2, 1874, *d.* August 20, 1927, *m.* Hannah Bolinger, *b.* March 25, 1877, *d.* July 12, 1946. Jim was a medical doctor. They had two children, Wilma and Carl.

4A6 Roxie Ausmus, *b.* 1876. She was engaged to be married to Tilman Dunn, who died before the wedding day.

4A7 *m.* (2) Henry Ausmus, *b.* 1878, *m.* Floy Ellison. Their children were: Edward, Marguerite, Bobby, and Billie.

4A8 Edgar Ausmus, *b.* 1880, *m.* Etta Ellison.

4A9 Maggie Ausmus, *b.* 1882, *d.* 1943, *m.* David Johnson. Their children; Arnold, Bessie, Mabel, David, Charles, Clyde, and Edgar.

4A10 Lilly Mae Ausmus, *b.* 1884, *m.* Harrison Edwards. They had one child, Hoyt Fred. Then Harrison married Lilly Pearl Ausmus. Their children were: Ruby, Dorothy, Charles, Wanda, Ovida, and Kenneth.

4A11 Rhetta Ausmus, *b.* February 12, 1891, *m.* Henry Dave Williamson. His mother was Eliza Ellison, a great-granddaughter of Susannah Aus-

mus, 1D4, who married James Ellison. Their children were: Jeanette, Ray, Benny, Harvey, Rhetta, Myrl, James, Bobby, and Johnny Mack.

4A12 Dora Ausmus, *b.* May 23, 1895, *m.* Jim Smith. Their children; Nevin, Deon, James, China, Doris, Grace, and Ernest.

4A13 Marie Ausmus, *b.* 1897, *m.* Otto Ervin. Their children; Nathaniel, Mary, Lou, Wanda and Jimmy.

4A14 Bessie Ausmus, *b.* August, 1900, *m.* Dr. Jim Carr. There were no children. *m.* (3) Martha Adaline Beeler, *b.* October 22, 1885, *d.* December 9, 1953. They had seven children. Ben Ausmus had 21 children by his three wives.

4A15 Walter Brownlow Ausmus, *b.* December 27, 1906, *m.* Ruby Fox, February 4, 1932. They have one son, Wayne Elwood Ausmus.

4A16 Ethel Ausmus, *b.* January, 28, 1908; deceased.

4A17 Ester Ausmus, *b.* September 28, 1910, *m.* Willis Ault, June 3, 1928. They have one child, Joyce Ault, *b.* March 13, 1925.

4A18 Ava Ausmus, *b.* December 10, 1912; deceased.

4A19 Ottis Harvey Ausmus, *b.* August 12, 1915, *m.* Nell Williams, June 8, 1934. They have five children: (1) C. J. Ausmus, (2) Harvey, (3) Martha Sue, (4) Shirley, and (5) Phylis.

4A20 Janett Ausmus, *b.* August 24, 1917; deceased.

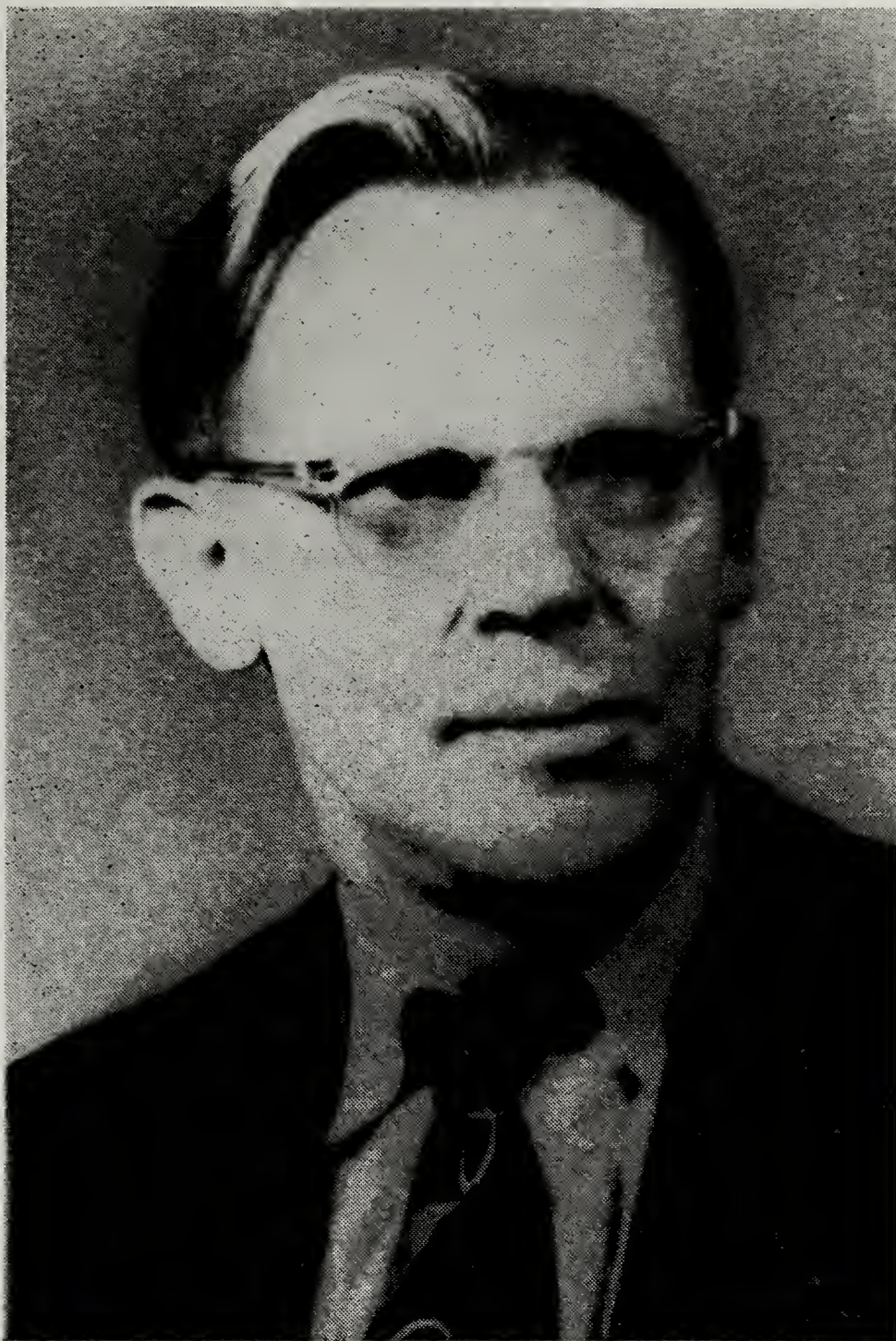
4A21 Granville Cecil Ausmus, *b.* March 24, 1920, *m.* Mildred J. Rather, December 26, 1940. Granville is a real estate salesman at Bristol, Tennessee. They have one daughter.

5A1 Brenda Cecile Ausmus, *b.* September 21, 1944. She is a Freshman at East Tennessee State College at Johnson City, Tennessee.

3A12 Malinda Ausmus, *b.* April 16, 1846, *d.* December 26, 1924, *m.* Sampson Edwards, *b.* May 4, 1837, *d.* April 21, 1914. They had fourteen children: Rachel, Adeline, Susan, Benjamin, Henry Edwards; *b.* July 11, 1871, *d.* July 21, 1935, *m.* (1) Rachel Maddox, *b.* September 13, 1882, *d.* August 25, 1918. They had eight children. Their second child was Dr. Lawrence Edwards,\* Ph.D., *b.* April 29, 1907. Dr. Edwards is the author of *Old Speedwell Families* and *Speedwell Sketches*. Dr. Edwards received his Ph.D. in English from the University of Tennessee in 1956. He is a teacher of English on the college level. Had he not published the two books, some

\* Pictured, p. 23.





3A12 DR. LAWRENCE EDWARDS,  
Author of "Old Speedwell Families."

of this Ausmus history perhaps would have never been found or it would have taken two or three years longer.

The balance of Malinda and Sampson's children were: Francis, Anna, William, Matilda; she married James Canady Ausmus, 4A9 under Captain Bill Ausmus, 3A7; Harrison, Ada, and Walter.

2A2 Rachel Ausmus, *b.* August 5, 1803, *d.* August 15, 1871, *m.* Johnny Dunn, *b.* January 30, 1793, *d.* September 28, 1878. They had fourteen children. Johnny Dunn was the fifth child of Thomas Dunn and his wife, Peggy Beeler Smith. They settled in Powell Valley about one mile north of the Ausmus Fort in 1783. Their children were: Henry, Thomas, William, Benjamin, Madison, John Jr., Rachel, Anna, Malinda, Catherine,



Joseph, Marion, and Elizabeth. For a complete history of the Dunn family, see *Old Speedwell Families*.

2A3 Lou Ann Ausmus, *b.* June 6, 1805, *m.* John Moyers, *b.* 1798 in Rockingham County, Virginia. He was the son of Michael and Elizabeth Moyers, born in Germany. John had three brothers and three sisters, Rachel, Henry, Ava, Abraham, Betsy, *m.* Joseph Hunter. His mother was Elizabeth Osmos, Philip's half-sister.

2A4 Hiram Ausmus, *b.* December 1, 1807 in Claiborne County, near Speedwell, Tennessee. This was across the creek from Davis Creek Church, which his grandfather, Philip, helped establish in 1797; *d.* December 13, 1888. He was a sandy-haired man, about five feet, six inches tall, and weighing under 200 pounds. He married Sarah Sharp (called Sally) *b.* December 10, 1813, *d.* February 6, 1877. They were married December 24, 1829. She was a little blue-eyed girl with silky black hair. She was the daughter of George Sharp, Jr. *b.* January 6, 1791 in Virginia, and his wife, Agnes Kirk Sharp, *b.* November 3, 1792, from Botetourt (Montgomery) County, Virginia. George and Agnes remained in Claiborne County. Sally's brother, Nicholas Sharp, *m.* her husband's sister, Malinda Ausmus. Her younger sister, Cynthia, *m.* her husband's brother, John. Her grandfather, George Sharp, Sr., bought land in Claiborne County, Tennessee in 1798, not far from the Ausmuses. He later took eight of his children and moved to Macaupin County, Illinois, in 1832, where he later died at the age of 85. They went along with Nathan Perry and his family.

Hiram and Sally had two sons and four daughters. Hiram lived in what became Union County in 1850, from the time he married until January 21, 1835. At that time he bought 80 acres of land from his father and paid him \$260 for it. The land had the log house on it that his Uncle John, *b.* 1778, had built on a rise just east of the spring and across the creek from Davis Creek Church. John built the house in 1801 or 1802. A part of the logs are still there, but have been converted into a crib, and another house built where the old one stood. Hiram later returned to Union County. When he died, he was buried beside his wife in Hunter Cemetery near the old home place, near Davis Creek Church.

3A1 Benjamin Ausmus (called Ridge Ben), *b.* November 24, 1830 in Claiborne County, Tennessee, *d.* April 12, 1901, *m.* Elizabeth Proffitt, *b.* July 17, 1838, *d.* November 11, 1915. They were married August 14, 1855 in Claiborne County, Tennessee, but moved to Union County soon after they were married. She was the daughter of Enoch Proffitt. Elizabeth had a brother, Joseph Proffit, who married Katie Hunter. Ridge Ben had



a big leg, caused by white swelling. He walked with a cane most of his life. He was a great storyteller, and tried to learn all he could about the Ausmus family. He drilled his son, David, in Ausmus history, and David drilled his grandson, Harry L. Ausmus. Ridge Ben died in Union County, but he and his wife lie buried in Bolinger Cemetery in Claiborne County. Ben and Betsy had nine children.

4A1 David Ausmus,\* *b.* in Union County, Tennessee on May 4, 1856, *d.* September 9, 1925, *m.* Amy Wright, *b.* February 6, 1862, *d.* November 11, 1898. She was the daughter of William Morgan Wright and Polly Lynch Wright. Amy's brothers and sisters were John, Malinda, Willie,



4A1 DAVID AUSMUS (1856-1925),  
Author's Grandfather.

\* Pictured, p. 25.



Easter, Sarah, and Mary Ann. David Ausmus was about five feet, six inches tall, weighed about 120 pounds; had keen blue eyes and real fine black hair. He knew more Ausmus history than anyone in Tennessee. He was drilled by his grandfather, Hiram and by his father, Ridge Ben. David worked hard as a poor farmer all his life. His wife died at the age of 36 and he was about 42 years old. He never married again. He came to live with his eldest son, Harrison, and while there inspired his grandson, Harry Ausmus, about the wonderful Ausmus family, which caused this history to be written. He had three sons and one daughter. David died in the Eastern State Hospital, Knoxville, Tennessee, where he had been for about eight months.

5A1 William Harrison Ausmus, *b.* December 1, 1880 in Union County, Tennessee, *d.* March 29, 1939, while eating dinner; *m.* Mary Blaine Williams, *b.* November 2, 1884. They were married February 10, 1904. She was the daughter of William David and Mary Harp Williams. Harrison was a tenant farmer until 1910, when he bought a 15-acre farm about four miles southwest of Speedwell, Tennessee, in a community called Well Springs. He went to work in the coal mines and after about a year he took up the carpenter's trade, which he followed over 20 years. He would not do a job of making cabinets or building a house if he could not do a job to perfection. Harrison and Blaine had eight children, one born dead, seven still living. They were Republicans and Methodists. After Harrison's death, Blaine took a very active part in the different organizations of the local church. She remained on the farm alone after her youngest child married.

6A1 Harry Lee Ausmus,\* *b.* January 2, 1905 in Claiborne County, Valley Creek, Tennessee, *m.* Gretna Ellen Childress, *b.* November 26, 1909 at LaFollette, Tennessee. They married December 30, 1928. She was the daughter of Alvis Lindsey (called Abb) Childress and Mary Callie Edens Childress. Abb was a very active farmer and very interested in community and county affairs. He served as chairman of the Republican Party of Campbell County, Tennessee. He served seven years on the county school board of education, serving as chairman one year.

Gretna won the All East Tennessee basketball team title in her senior year in high school in 1928. She is Librarian for the Council of Garden Clubs of Johnson City, Tennessee; President of the Spade and Trowel Garden Club, an active member of the W.S.C.S. of Munsey Memorial Methodist Church, The Monday Club, and The Washington County Antiquity Society.

Harry attended East Tennessee State College, Johnson City, Tennessee

\* Pictured, frontis.



and Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennessee. After graduating from the school of business, he went into the retail department store business. He remained there thirteen years, ten years of which he held a managerial position. He entered the life insurance business in 1940, later promoted to Staff Manager and sent to Sweetwater, Tennessee, where he became very interested in the Lions Club, Methodist Church, and became active in the political life of the city, serving three years on the Council, afterwards served as Chairman of the Planning Commission for the city. In January, 1951, he was promoted and sent to Johnson City, Tennessee, where he is now a member of the Board of Stewards of Munsey Memorial Methodist Church. He has served all positions in the Lions Club except District Governor. He has approved 1,068 pairs of glasses and fourteen eye operations for indigent people, as a chairman of Sight Conservation Committee for the Lions Club. Harry can call between ten and twelve thousand people by name. Harry and Gretna have three children. Harry has been a member of the Masonic Lodge since 1928. He is a Past-President of the Johnson City Life Underwriters Association. He served as Vice-President of a mattress factory at Morristown, Tennessee.

7A1 Bennie Lou Ausmus, *b.* July 10, 1931 at New Tazewell, Tennessee, *m.* Burl Raydon Quinn, *b.* June 29, 1926 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. They were married in the Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, Tennessee on February 22, 1953. He is the son of Burl R. Quinn and Emily Seeger Quinn. Tuscaloosa. They own and operate a hardware store. They are very active in the Presbyterian Church. They have one daughter, Nancy, still in high school.

Ray attended the University of Alabama and graduated from Pratt Art Institute of New York City. He is an executive of a Furniture Manufacturing Company at Quincy, Florida. Bennie was very active in Sweetwater Tennessee High School, where she was on the Girls' Basketball Team. She graduated from Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Virginia, where she was a Princess of the Queens' Court. She was elected to be a princess in the Apple Blossom Festival at Winchester, Virginia, where Vice-President Alben Barkley's stepdaughter, Anne Hadley was Apple Blossom Queen. Movie star Van Johnson helped entertain the Queen and her Princesses. After college, Bennie became very active in Little Theatre. She was in "The Swan," starring Grace Kelly, filmed at Asheville, North Carolina. She was also in the movie, "Wild River," starring Montgomery Clift. She and Ray have three daughters; (1) Beryl Leigh, *b.* November 10, 1954; (2) Emily Diane, *b.* May 10, 1957; (3) Cindy Lou, *b.* October 10, 1960.

7A2 Peggy June Ausmus, *b.* December 18, 1932 in New Tazewell, Tennessee; *m.* William Ewell Blankenship, *b.* June 13, 1930 in LaFollette,



Tennessee. They were married in Munsey Memorial Methodist Church, May 20, 1953 at Johnson City. Bill is the son of William H. and Jessie Ely Blankenship. He is a retired dry cleaner, owning and operating the business many years at LaFollette, Tennessee. Bill is a ladies' ready-to-wear and home furnishings buyer for 19 stores for the Ira A. Watson Company, Knoxville, Tennessee. Bill graduated from Kentucky Military Institute and East Tennessee State College and did some graduate work at the University of Tennessee. Peggy was chosen May Queen of Sweetwater High School, played forward on the basketball team, winning the all-regional tournament. She attended East Tennessee State College for two years. They have three children; (1) Rebecca Ellen, *b.* May 10, 1956; (2) Majorie Loraine, *b.* June 17, 1958; (3) Wendell Ewell, *b.* January 21, 1961.

7A3 Harry Jack Ausmus, *b.* June 14, 1937 in LaFollette, Tennessee. He graduated from Johnson City's Science Hill High School, where he played a trumpet in the school band. He attended the University of Louisville, graduating from East Tennessee State College. He also received his Master's degree from East Tennessee State. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Drew University at Madison, New Jersey. He hopes to continue his education for a Doctorate of Philosophy. Harry is a six foot and one inch tall man, weighing about 170 pounds, with blue eyes and black hair. He is to be married in June, 1963, to Linda S. Dronsick, *b.* May 18, 1943 in Brookline, Massachusetts. She is a sophomore at Drew University.

6A2 Arletta Ausmus, *b.* December 5, 1907 in Powell Valley, Claiborne County, Tennessee; *m.* H. Dewey Lumpkins, *b.* July 15, 1899. They were married December 5, 1928 in her parents' home. Dewey has been in the banking business for thirty-seven years. For the past 15 years, he has been president of the First State Bank of Jacksboro, Tennessee. The Lumpkins originally came from Pittsylvania County, Virginia to Washington County, Tennessee. One of the first recordings was Jacob Lumpkins traded some slaves to William Bean in 1773. Dewey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lumpkins. Arletta attended Lincoln Memorial University and the University of Tennessee. She has been teaching school in the Campbell County school system for 33 years. She and Dewey have one son, David, *b.* November 16, 1944. He is a freshman at the University of Tennessee and is planning to study medicine.

6A3 William Otis Ausmus, *b.* October 17, 1910, *m.* Alma Carroll, *b.* November 11, 1917. She is the daughter of Luther and Maggie Monday Carroll, of Speedwell, Tennessee. Luther is a farmer and takes a big hand

in local politics. Otis is a carpenter in Akron, Ohio. Alma works for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. Otis is five feet, ten inches tall, weighing 180 pounds, with dark brown hair and blue eyes. Otis and Alma have one daughter.

7A1 Judith Ann Ausmus, *b.* March 29, 1940 at Speedwell, Tennessee. She graduated from Kenmore High School in 1957. Judith Ann belonged to the Student Council, YWCA, Booster Club, May Court, Secretary of Senior Class; voted by classmates as the "girl with the prettiest hair." She entered Akron University, where she belonged to Delta Gamma Sorority and the Women's League, of which she was the president in 1960. She was University Homecoming Queen in 1960, Honorary Cadet Colonel—Air Force ROTC in 1960, and in the "Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities." She won the Fritch Scholarship four years on the basis of scholastic ability, background, and character. She married Waldemar Bender. He also was listed in "Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities." Both graduated together in 1962.

6A4 David Kermit Ausmus, *b.* July 30, 1913, *m.* Catherine Young of Sweetwater, Tennessee. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Young. He was a banker for many years and in later life went into the general insurance business in Sweetwater. Catherine operates a beauty shoppe. Kermit graduated from Gupton-Jones School of Embalming, Nashville, Tennessee. After working several years in the funeral home business, he went into the sales work, selling embalming fluid, etc., for the Champion Company, Springfield, Ohio. Kermit is a Kentucky Colonel, appointed by Governor Bert Combs of Kentucky. Kermit travels all over the states of Kentucky and Tennessee. He is five feet, seven inches, weighing about 225 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. He served in World War II in the Navy. He was in the South Pacific invasion of several islands. He is a Mason. They have no children.

6A5 Allie Mae Ausmus, *b.* May 3, 1918 in LaFollette, Route 1, Tennessee; *m.* William Taylor Claiborne, *b.* October 5, 1914. He is the son of William Taylor (Bud) Claiborne and Helen Childress Claiborne. He is in the transportation of oil business. Allie Mae (called Pally) was married after graduating from LaFollette High School. She keeps busy as a seamstress. She and Taylor have two children; (1) Ronald Terry, *b.* January 10, 1939, *m.* Shirley Jean Chadwell. She is the daughter of Tilda Chadwell. Terry is in the Air Force. (2) Patsy Carol, *b.* September 4, 1942, *m.* John Franklin Bullard, a son of Roy Bullard of Speedwell, Tenn.

6A6 James Blane Ausmus, *b.* September 25, 1922 in LaFollette, Route 1, Tennessee; *m.* Anna Reichert, February 7, 1947. She was born at



Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the daughter of William John and Marie Damm Reichert. Jim served in the Coast Guard during World War II. In 1947 he went with National Biscuit Company in Philadelphia as a salesman. He was superior in all the positions he held, in the eastern part of the United States. In 1959, the manager's position became open in Knoxville, Tennessee. The company transferred him to Knoxville. The office had been running in the red on sales for three years. After three months, he turned the sales into the black where he broke all records in leadership. In July, 1962, he was promoted to the New York office as Assistant Sales Supervisor of the Group Division for the entire nation. Jim is five feet, eleven inches tall, with black hair and blue eyes, weighing 175 pounds. He and Anna have one son. Jim is a thirty-second degree Mason.

7A1 James David Ausmus, *b.* October 11, 1949. He is a student.

6A7 Mary Suella (called Sue) Ausmus, *b.* July 12, 1928 in LaFollette, Tennessee; *m.* Samuel Alexander Mars, Jr., *b.* August 24, 1928 in Middlesboro, Kentucky. He is the son of Samuel A. and Ethel McClellan Mars, Sr. of Middlesboro. He has many business investments. Sam Jr. attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville for two years, after which he bought out the distributorship of the Bell County, Kentucky, Gulf Oil Company. He is also interested in several other businesses and the operation of Elm Bluff Farm in Powell Valley. Sue attended Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogate, Tennessee for two years. She and Sam have three children; (1) Samuel Alexander Mars III, *b.* July 22, 1951; (2) Susanne Adele, *b.* September 1, 1953; and (3) Steven Ausmus Mars, *b.* April 13, 1959.

5A2 Mary Ann Ausmus, *b.* March 23, 1882. She was the only daughter of David and Elizabeth Ausmus; *m.* William Elie (Bill) Clawson, *b.* September 19, 1880, *d.* October 7, 1920. Bill was the son of James Johnnie Clawson and Sarah Malidia Cain Clawson. They had the following children: (1) Hobart, *m.* Ina Roe; (2) John, *m.* Ollie Lillian Walker, (3) Nurnie, *m.* Hugh Medley, (4) Azalee *m.* Harve Bratcher, (5) Troy, *m.* Gladys Marie Brooks, (6) Bonnie, *m.* Bill Tharp.

5A3 John David Ausmus, *b.* October 6, 1884, *d.* October 17, 1921, *m.* Sarah Malinda Ellison, *b.* August 6, 1888, *d.* January 15, 1929. They were married April 6, 1911. John was about five feet, five inches tall. He married his first cousin. Their mothers were sisters. Sarah's mother was Easter Wright who married Mack Ellison (see 2E1). John and Sarah lived in Campbell County, Tennessee, at the time of their death. They had six children.

6A1 Mayme Ausmus, *b.* November 16, 1912, *m.* Robert Brown, January 19, 1929. They had one daughter, Blanche Janette, *b.* January 5, 1930. Mayme and Robert were divorced shortly afterwards.

6A2 William Hobert Ausmus, *b.* April 6, 1914, *m.* May 17, 1936 to Lillie Yeary of Claiborne County, Tennessee. They live on a farm with a great deal of TVA lake frontage. Hobert is a carpenter and a farmer. He and Lillie have eight children. They all reside at Jefferson City, Tenn.

7A1 Arthur Charles Ausmus, *b.* April 1, 1937, *m.* June 6, 1959 to Beulah Mae Brooks. Arthur Charles finished Jefferson City High School. They have one son.

8A1 Charles David, *b.* March 10, 1960.

7A2 Zella Marie Ausmus, *b.* March 13, 1939, *m.* December 24, 1958 to James Philip Cline. They have one son, James Michael, *b.* April 6, 1960. Zella finished Jefferson City High School.

7A3 Univieve Ausmus, *b.* July 21, 1941, *m.* August 11, 1958 to William Rogers Kanipe. Univieve finished Jefferson City High School. They have no children.

7A4 Alfred Morgan Ausmus, *b.* December 28, 1943.

7A5 John David Ausmus, *b.* March 25, 1945.

7A6 Lowell Maurice Ausmus, *b.* October 12, 1949.

7A7 Brenda Gail Ausmus, *b.* May 13, 1953.

7A8 Debra Almara Ausmus, *b.* August 10, 1959.

6A3 Harley Ausmus, *b.* May 4, 1915, *d.* July 11, 1917.

6A4 Mary Blain Ausmus, *b.* October 25, 1916, *m.* September 26, 1937 to Charles V. Huffaker. They have three children; (1) Bobby Eugene, *b.* July 19, 1938, *m.* Janette Wilson; (2) Alma Louise, *b.* August 11, 1939; (3) Johnny Edward, *b.* August 12, 1942.

6A5 Easter Luceal Ausmus, *b.* March 16, 1919, *d.* July 25, 1920.

6A6 Viola May Ausmus, *b.* May 23, 1921, *m.* December 25, 1940 to Francis T. Ingle. They have one daughter, Opalee, *b.* November 6, 1942.

5A4 Henry Milton Ausmus, *b.* March 2, 1886, *m.* Mary Magdalene Pierce, *b.* October 17, 1891. She was the daughter of Reverend Thomas and Jane Norton Pierce. Thomas was a Primitive Baptist minister. Milt and Maggie, as they are known, lived at Pruden, Tennessee many years,



where he worked with the commissary of the Pruden Coal Company. Later in life, they moved to LaFollette, Tennessee, where they have retired. They have always taken a big part working in their church. They had one son and three daughters.

6A1 Charles Robert Ausmus, *b.* July 16, 1913 in Speedwell, Tennessee, *m.* Helen Davis, *b.* January 14, 1918 in Chilhowie, Tennessee. She and Charles both finished Chilhowie Baptist Academy in 1935. Charles went to Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1939. He was pastor of two country churches while at Carson-Newman to help pay his college expenses. He pastored New Hopewell Baptist Church in Knoxville, served as Clerk and Treasurer of the Chilhowie Baptist Association, and pastored Oakwood Baptist Church in Knoxville. In three years, he doubled the membership. He pastored the First Baptist Church in Burleson, Texas, while attending the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1947. He returned to Knoxville where he was elected as pastor of Lincoln Park Baptist Church, where he has increased the membership from 500 to 1500. In 1954, he served as President of the Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference. He served two years as Moderator of Knox County Baptist Association. He and Helen have one daughter.

7A1 Beverly Sue Ausmus, *b.* October 26, 1947. She is a student in Knoxville.

6A2 Amy Naomi, *b.* June 9, 1915, *m.* James King. He is a minister. They have five children. (1) David, (2) Bonnie Ruth, (3) Joann, (4) Mary Ellen, and (5) Hughie Arnold.

6A3 Lucy Ann Ausmus, *b.* May 18, 1919, *m.* Andrew Wilson Parker. Lucy graduated from Jellico High School. She and Andrew have three children; (1) Andrew Wilson Parker, Jr. (2) Larry, (3) John Richard.

6A4 Emma Jane Ausmus, *b.* January 25, 1925, *m.* Martin Perry. Janie worked in the bus terminal in Knoxville, where she was most efficient in the information department. She could, without looking up the schedules, give the time of arrival in another city, time of departure and amount of time layover, and the time of arrival in another city. She and Martin have three children; (1) Janene, (2 and 3) Tommie and Mickie (twins).

4A2 Catherine Ausmus (second child of Ridge Ben 3A1), *b.* 1859, *m.* Wesley Beeler.

4A3 Cumie (pronounced Cumi) *b.* March 14, 1861, *d.* December 8, 1938; *m.* James Medley.

4A4 Henry Ausmus, *b.* 1864, *d.* 1942, *m.* (1) Margaret Wright, *m.* (2) Roxie Beeler. He and Roxie had two children: (1) Campbell, *m.* Ida Berry; (2) Minnie, *m.* Wilford Ollis; *m.* (3) of Henry was to Delie Mozingo. They had one son, Harley. Henry was a Primitive Baptist minister and was known for his long sermons, sometimes preaching at Davis Creek Baptist Church for over two hours. During one sermon, he said he could preach all day. On this occasion, he preached from 10 o'clock until 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

4A5 James Ausmus (called Jim) *b.* 1867, *d.* November 20, 1932; *m.* Rhoda Stiner. Jim was a Primitive Baptist minister. He and Rhoda had three children: (1) Flo, *m.* her first cousin, Luther Ausmus, (2) Bessie, (3) Billie.

4A6 John Ausmus, (called River John) *b.* 1869, *d.* September 2, 1949, *m.* his first cousin, Jane Taylor. She was the daughter of William Wesley Taylor and Sarah LaVicey Ausmus Taylor. They had three children: (1) Paris Ausmus, *m.* Ellen Norton, (2) Elizabeth, *m.* Newton Collins, (3) Luther, *m.* (1) Flo Ausmus, *m.* (2) Bessie Mables. Luther killed his brother Paris, with a shotgun. John was a Primitive Baptist minister.

4A7 Martha Ausmus, *b.* 1871, *d.* June 23, 1932, *m.* Harrison Smith. Martha had one son before marriage to Smith. He went by the name of Roscoe Ausmus, *b.* April 4, 1892, *d.* July 5, 1962, *m.* Daisy Warner, *b.* March 1, 1894. They had no children. Martha had the following children by Harrison. (1) William H. Smith, *b.* 1896, (2) Troy Smith, *b.* 1899, (3) Catherine, *b.* 1901, (4) Rachel, *b.* 1903, *m.* a Hall, (5) Pearl, *b.* 1905, (6) Parlin, *b.* 1907, *m.* a Laskey, (7) Lottie, *b.* January 11, 1910, *m.* Lew Hutchison.

4A8 Sarah Ausmus, *b.* March 21, 1876, *d.* April 7, 1954, *m.* French Haggard Leach (called Bud), *b.* February 16, 1874. They were married September 18, 1892. They had five children. (1) Lou Leach, *b.* June 29, 1894, *m.* Charlie Mozingo. They had three or four daughters, and all of them graduated from Lincoln Memorial University, (2) Eva Leach, *b.* August 22, 1898, *m.* Jacob H. (called Jake) Houston, (3) Ellen Leach, *b.* April 18, 1900, *m.* Tilmon Edwards, (4) Gracie Leach, *b.* May 13, 1903, *d.* May 3, 1922. She never married. (5) Charlie Leach, *b.* October 7, 1908, *m.* Hattie Ford.

4A9 Jahue Ausmus, *b.* September 11, 1879, *d.* May 27, 1955, *m.* Nancy Collins, *b.* November 28, 1888. They had 13 children.

5A1 Emma, *b.* September 2, 1906, *d.* May 30, 1940, *m.* Conly McCarty. They had seven children. (1) Beatrice, *b.* May 5, 1926, *m.* Joe Edwins;



(2) Georgia, *b.* August 30, 1927, *m.* Robert Kerr; (3) Elwood, *b.* April 27, 1929; (4) J. L. McCarty, *b.* March 16, 1931, *m.* Ruth Tally, (5) Fern, *b.* October 31, 1932, *m.* Kenneth Harpe; (6) Jean, *b.* June 23, 1935, *m.* Charles Hewitt; (7) Athalene, *b.* February 17, 1940, *m.* Donald Harper.

5A2 Milburn Ausmus, *b.* August 8, 1908, *m.* Beulah Baynes. Milburn works at Belcraft Carpet Factory, Dalton, Georgia. He and Beulah have three children.

6A1 Glenn Wallace Ausmus, *b.* June 26, 1941, *d.* August 25, 1941.

6A2 Bonnie Faye, *b.* December 18, 1942.

6A3 Phyllis, *b.* June 3, 1947.

5A3 Dan Ausmus, *b.* September 25, 1910, *d.* March 28, 1924.

5A4 Ed Ausmus, *b.* March 19, 1913, *m.* (1) Truela Beeler. *m.* (2) Gladys Thompson. He had two children by each.

6A1 Kenneth Ausmus, *b.* May 22, 1933, *m.* Janette Adams.

6A2 Delbert, *b.* May 30, 1936, *m.* Doris Goswich.

6A3 Olin Ausmus, *b.* August 11, 1943.

6A4 Wilma Ausmus, *b.* June 8, 1946, *d.* August 29, 1948.

5A5 Floyd Ausmus (called Toad), *b.* February 3, 1915, *m.* Rachel Taylor. Floyd owns and operates a shoe shop in Chatworth, Georgia. He and Rachel have two children.

6A1 Ralph Ausmus, *b.* January 3, 1937, *m.* Kathern Harper.

6A2 Earl Ausmus, *b.* June 9, 1938, *m.* Tempie Land.

5A6 Fred Ausmus, *b.* December 28, 1916, *m.* Emily Ann Owens. He works at Belcraft Carpet Company, Dalton, Georgia. He and Emily have three children.

6A1 Warren Ausmus, *b.* July 7, 1935, *m.* Margaret Patterson.

6A2 Madge Ausmus, *b.* February 16, 1941, *d.* February 5, 1946.

6A3 Wilma Ausmus, *b.* June 23, 1943.

5A7 Trecie Ausmus, *b.* February 15, 1919, *m.* Leonard McBride. They have no children.

5A8 Cecile Ausmus, *b.* January 30, 1921, *m.* Roy Taylor. They have four children. (1) Ronnie, *b.* October 17, 1946; (2) Vickie, *b.* March 27, 1948; (3) Kay, *b.* September 16, 1956, (4) Robbin, *b.* April 18, 1959.

5A9 Hazel Ausmus, *b.* June 9, 1923, *m.* Grady Haley. They have one child, Mike, *b.* December 6, 1950.

5A10 Roy Ausmus, *b.* May 2, 1925, *m.* Naomi Wimpy. He works for Cabin-Craft Carpet Company, Dalton, Georgia. They have two sons.

6A1 Danny, *b.* March 23, 1950.

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6A2 Terry, *b.* December 21, 1951.

5A11 Horace (twin), *b.* May 24, 1927, *d.* July 5, 1927.

5A12 Gladys (twin), *b.* May 24, 1927, *d.* June 27, 1927.

5A13 Euretha Ausmus, *b.* June 16, 1929, *m.* Marvin Anderson. They have three children. (1) Kevin, *b.* May 3, 1955; (2) David, *b.* August 17, 1956. (3) Russell, *b.* May 27, 1959.

3A2 Nancy Ausmus, *b.* 1833; *m.* Joseph Houston. They had four children; (1) John, *m.* Sarah Ann Graves; (2) Ben, (3) Nancy, (4) Malinda, *m.* Norton.

3A3 Malinda Ausmus, *b.* 1836, *m.* (1) Lee Berry. He died; they had no children. *m.* (2) Alvis Smith. They had four children. (1) John, (2) Andy, *m.* Lizzie Welch, (3) Houston, *m.* Sarah Mason (4) Elizabeth, *m.* Harve Russell.

3A4 John Ausmus\* (called Red John or Squire John), *b.* March 11, 1839, *d.* February 4, 1931. *m.* (1) Winnie Hunter, *b.* October 25, 1839, *d.* February 18, 1891; *m.* (2) Martha Francisco Sparks,† *b.* March 23, 1850, *d.* August 31, 1913.

Winnie Hunter was the daughter of Jefferson and Rosie Beeler Hunter. Winnie had two other sisters and a brother who married Ausmuses. John and Winnie had ten children. John's second wife was first married to Jeff Sparks of Tazewell. He had one daughter Minerva, by a previous marriage. Jeff died soon after marrying Martha Francisco. He was a good business man and left quite an estate for the time, and Martha promised Jeff she would raise Minerva. John and Martha were married October 13, 1892, when Minerva was about eight years old. She later married John's son, Johnny L. Ausmus. John and Martha had one daughter. John Ausmus was a good business man. He treated everyone kindly and respectfully. If he were living today, with the same possessions, he would be a millionaire. He served as Tax Assessor of Claiborne County, Tennessee for two terms, served as magistrate several years and was very active in the affairs of Claiborne County. He reared and educated all his

\* Pictured, p. 36.

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3A4 (Red) JOHN AUSMUS, his wife, Martha Sparks,  
and daughter, 4A11 Hallie.  
Speedwell, Tennessee.

children far above the average. The following are his ten children by Winnie Hunter and the eleventh child by Martha Sparks.

4A1 Sarah Jane, *b.* September 30, 1860, *d.* January 19, 1943; *m.* James T. Clawson, *b.* July 4, 1850, *d.* March 26, 1931. They had three children; (1) Jehu, *m.* Mary Medley; (2) Garfield, *m.* Eva Rogers; (3) Susan, *m.* Jarvis Bullard.

4A2 Mary Ann, *b.* June 27, 1863, *d.* November 24, 1941, *m.* William Brownlow Rogers, *b.* August 25, 1859, *d.* August 21, 1932. They had no children. It is said that Mary Ann looked exactly like her great-grandmother, Malinda Price Ausmus.

4A3 Jefferson Campbell Ausmus, *b.* March 4, 1866, *d.* August 5, 1928, *m.* Hassie Sarah Rogers, *b.* November 12, 1875, *d.* November 16, 1951. Campbell, as he was known, was a very successful farmer, owning a good Powell Valley farm, about six miles northeast of LaFollette, Tennessee. They had six children.

5A1 Etta, *b.* August 14, 1896, *m.* Arnold Sharp. Arnold is a successful farmer in Powell Valley, Claiborne County, Tennessee. They have one daughter, Jeannette, *b.* January 26, 1930, *m.* David Fulton French, *b.* August 10, 1928. They attended East Tennessee State College at



Johnson City, Tennessee and Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogate, Tennessee. He is a Quality Control Specialist with the U.S. Army Ordnance.

5A2 Ester, *b.* April 17, 1899, *m.* Conley C. Ausmus, a distant cousin. He is the son of Captain Bill Ausmus, of the Union Army, and his third wife, Dorcus Branscomb. Conley is a good business man; he has retired from business and is Assistant Tax Assessor of Knox County, Knoxville, Tennessee. He and Ester have one son.

6A1 James Walter Ausmus, *b.* December 11, 1936, *m.* June 28, 1957 to Marjorie Stapleton, daughter of Embree Creed and Barbara Tallent Stapleton. Marjorie graduated from Knoxville Business College. James attended the University of Tennessee and is now employed with Rogers and Company of Knoxville, Tennessee. They have two daughters, Jimmie Sue, *b.* February 23, 1958, and Janet Lynn, *b.* April 23, 1962.

5A3 Pearl, *b.* April 16, 1903, *m.* John Sharp. They had no children.

5A4 Jeanette, *b.* October, 1908, *m.* Lloyd Parrott. They had no children. They operate a store in Powell Valley, LaFollette, Route #1, Tennessee.

5A5 Robert Enlo Ausmus, *b.* June 2, 1914, *m.* Monnie Goins, the daughter of Marshall and Emma Parrott Goins. Robert is a farmer. They have four children.

6A1 Mildred Pearl, *b.* April 9, 1931, *m.* Jesse Judson Baird, the son of L. D. Baird of Jellico, Tennessee. Mildred is an executive secretary. Jesse graduated from East Tennessee State College, Johnson City, Tennessee. He is an Office Machine and Radio Technician teacher. They have no children.

6A2 Jefferson Campbell Ausmus, *b.* December 21, 1933. He is single and employed at the First National Bank, LaFollette, Tennessee.

6A3 Delno Dallas Ausmus, *b.* December 25, 1935, *m.* December 21, 1957 to Berta Mae Fannin, a daughter of Lowell Fannin. She is a housewife and nurse. Delno graduated from Berea College, Berea, Kentucky. He is a teacher and coach at LaFollette High School, LaFollette, Tennessee. They have two children; (1) Deborah Lynn, *b.* June 10, 1960, (2) Pamela Ellen, *b.* August 7, 1961.

5A6 Charles Rogers Ausmus, *b.* September 27, 1917, *m.* Eva Pierce. She is the daughter of James and Elizabeth (Betty) Owens Pierce. Betty's mother was Mary Ausmus. Charles is a farmer. They have one daughter,



Charlotte Esther Marjorie Ausmus, *b.* January 2, 1944. She is a student at Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennessee.

4A4 Adeline Ausmus, *b.* January 29, 1869, *d.* November 30, 1940, *m.* George Brantley, *b.* October 26, 1863, *d.* June 8, 1941. He was a school teacher and farmer. They had ten children. (1) Gertrude, *b.* January 11, 1893, *m.* Frank Rogers; (2) Fred V., *b.* January 15, 1894, *m.* Gillie Ausmus, *b.* May 30, 1899. She was a daughter of Captain William B. (Bill) Ausmus by his third wife, Dorcus Branscomb; (3) Otto V., *b.* February 15, 1895, *m.* Muriel Brubaker; (4) Lotus B., *b.* May 27, 1896. He never married; (5) Utella J., *b.* September 27, 1897, *m.* Roy Bartley; (6) Roy B., *b.* April 19, 1899, *m.* Arletta Richardson; (7) Clyde R., *b.* September 10, 1900, *m.* Leota Murray; (8) Maynard D., *b.* April 19, 1902, never married; (9) Mildred O., *b.* June 15, 1906, *m.* Douglas Rapson; (10) Edna, *b.* November 4, 1908. She is not married.

4A5 Hiram Milton Ausmus, *b.* January 7, 1870, *m.* Elizabeth Young Mars, *b.* March 17, 1869, *d.* May 2, 1933. They were married August 6, 1891. Milt, as he was known, went to Oklahoma where he and Elizabeth reared a highly respected family in Creek County, Oklahoma. They had five children.

5A1 Eutella Marie Ausmus, *b.* December 1, 1895, *m.* Harry R. Fees on June 15, 1924. He was born July 28, 1895. He is an Electrical Contractor. They had one daughter, Lois Marie, *b.* November 24, 1933. She is the Orchestra Director in Northeast High School in Oklahoma City. She plays the violin in the Oklahoma City Symphony. The Fees are all Methodists, and take an active part in the Masonic Order and the Eastern Star. They are officials in their church.

5A2 Dewitt Ausmus, *b.* February 5, 1897, *m.* September 8, 1920 to Lula Scott, *b.* February 7, 1896. Dee, as he is known, served in the U.S. Navy during World War I, on the cruiser U.S.S. *Denver*. He is active in the American Legion and at present is the high sheriff of Creek County. According to all reports he is making a good sheriff. He and Lula have four children.

6A1 Nadine Louise, *b.* July 31, 1921, *m.* Harold Lloyd Goodwin. He was wounded in the front line at LeHavre, France in World War II. He was awarded the Infantry Combat Medal, 1 Battle Star, and the Purple Heart. He is an automobile salesman.

6A2 Dewitt Ausmus, Jr., *b.* May 11, 1924, *m.* Julia Mayfield, *b.* September 9, 1924. Dee served in the Army and was honorably discharged in 1949. He is a carpenter. He and Julia have seven children.

7A1 Margaret Ann, *b.* December 6, 1945.

7A2 Daniel Dee, *b.* September 20, 1948.

7A3 Regina, *b.* May 9, 1951.

7A4 Theresse Marie, *b.* August 18, 1952.

7A5 James Lawrence, *b.* September 23, 1953.

7A6 Vincent Edward, *b.* November 7, 1955.

7A7 David Lewis, *b.* December 31, 1957.

6A3 Bobby Joe Ausmus, *b.* March 28, 1929, *m.* Geraldine Harper, May 23, 1952. Bobby is a teacher and coach in the high school at Watunga, Oklahoma. They have three children.

7A1 Patricia Gale, *b.* May 31, 1953.

7A2 Christina Louise, *b.* May 14, 1954.

7A3 Robbie Joellen, *b.* February 20, 1957.

6A4 Wanda Ann Ausmus, *b.* October 12, 1930, *m.* Delnar Derwood Lambert, *b.* November 4, 1928. They have one child, Karan Ann, *b.* April 28, 1951.

5A3 Winona Jane Ausmus, *b.* July 27, 1899, *m.* Walter Rogers, *b.* June 17, 1886. They have no children. Winona is kept busy looking after her 92-year-old father, now in a rest home.

5A4 John Elmer Ausmus, *b.* March 25, 1902, *m.* Lily May Iker, *b.* June 28, 1903. They were married December 20, 1920. John is a contractor and the owner of a retail store. They have five children.

6A1 Helen Maxine, *b.* February 14, 1922, *m.* Chester Johnston, *b.* February 5, 1921. They have five children. (1) Judy Carol, *b.* September 28, 1940, *m.* James Ray Harp; (2) Jimmie Lee, *b.* February 16, 1943; (3) Anthony Douglas, *b.* November 11, 1944; (4) John Arthur, *b.* February 16, 1947; (5) Michael David, *b.* December 2, 1955.

6A2 Mary Elizabeth Ausmus, *b.* September 20, 1924, *m.* Harvey Jonathan Acree, *b.* January 13, 1917. They have two children, (1) Harold Preston, *b.* April 25, 1948; (2) Donald Allen, *b.* September 22, 1956.

6A3 John Elmer Ausmus, Jr., *b.* May 29, 1927, *m.* May 20, 1949 to Thelma Lowell, *b.* October 20, 1928. He is with Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.



- 6A4 William Arthur Ausmus, *b.* June 8, 1931, *m.* February 15, 1953 to Erna Russel of Landsburg, Germany. Arthur served in the U.S. Air Force for four years in Germany. He is associated with Phillips Oil Company. They have three children.
- 7A1 William Arthur, Jr., *b.* April 28, 1954.
- 7A2 Erick Elmer, *b.* April 11, 1955.
- 7A3 Mark Rolan, *b.* June 29, 1958.
- 6A5 David G. Ausmus, *b.* May 2, 1944.
- 5A5 Amo Mars Ausmus, *b.* August 31, 1904, *m.* August 27, 1926 to Irene Selsor, *b.* November 11, 1909. Amo is foreman on a pipeline construction crew for an oil company in the southwest and midwest states. They have seven children.
- 6A1 Ethel Irene, *b.* January 11, 1928, *m.* Cleo Davis, *b.* August 25, 1925. They have two children: (1) Connie Darlene, *b.* March 6, 1948, (2) Ronald Marion, *b.* November 8, 1949.
- 6A2 Robert Edward Ausmus, *b.* July 17, 1929, *m.* Ruth Earlene Dufford. Robert works in a bank. He and Ruth have three children.
- 7A1 Rayann Gaye, *b.* June 25, 1953.
- 7A2 Karen Milynn, *b.* January 18, 1957.
- 7A3 Judith Arlene, *b.* March 3, 1960.
- 6A3 John Arthur Ausmus, *b.* September 21, 1930, *m.* Donna Lavon Yarger. John Arthur is a teacher and a coach. They have one daughter.
- 7A1 Lynn Ann, *b.* April 13, 1960.
- 6A4 Milton Amo Ausmus, *b.* July 27, 1932. He spent four years in the Army and is at present working toward his college degree.
- 6A5 Alfred Eugene Ausmus, *b.* April 27, 1934. He spent four years in the Air Force.
- 6A6 Winnie Elizabeth, *b.* March 10, 1946.
- 6A7 Winona Ruth, *b.* January 15, 1950.
- 4A6 Emma Jane Ausmus, *b.* December 10, 1871, *d.* November 1962, *m.* Zack Moyers, *b.* October 6, 1868. They had two children. (1) Walter, unmarried, was shot accidentally in young manhood; (2) Lottie, *b.* ———,

*m.* Horace Lee Dunn. They have three children: (1) Glen, (2) Max, (3) Katherine.

4A7 David Maynard Ausmus, *b.* January 25, 1874, *m.* Wilemena Newman. Maynard attended Drew University Theological School and subsequently connected himself with the Methodist Church in 1910. He held many pastorates in the Nashville, Tennessee area. He was awarded a Doctor's degree. Wilemena was an accomplished musician and helped her husband materially with his church work. A difference of opinion occurred between Maynard and the Bishop, and he connected himself with the Presbyterian Church. He was pastor of the church in Mayfield for many years before his retirement. Dr. Ausmus is living as comfortably as could be expected in a rest home at Billings, Oklahoma. They had two children.

5A1 David Julius Ausmus, *b.* December 5, 1916 at Springfield, Tennessee, *m.* Miriam Louise Yutsey, born at Canton, Ohio July 12, 1817. They both graduated from Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio. David received his Master's degree from George Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee. He attended one year at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, working on his Ph.D. He is a Mason and a Presbyterian. He is the Quality Control Manager for Titanium Metals Corporation of America in New York City. He taught school in Mayfield, Kentucky High School for three years. He was in the Navy during World War II and is now retired with the rank of Lieutenant. He and Miriam have three sons.

6A1 David Charles Ausmus, *b.* August 30, 1940.

6A2 Stephen Richard Ausmus (twin), *b.* June 14, 1944.

6A3 Michael William Ausmus (twin), *b.* June 14, 1944.

5A2 Winona Ausmus, *b.* ———, *m.* David McNeeley. Winona is kept busy looking after her father, the Reverend David M. Ausmus, D.D., residing at a rest home in Billings, Oklahoma.

4A8 Steven Harrison Ausmus, *b.* February 1, 1876, *d.* 1951, *m.* Sarah Ellen Wade, *b.* January 23, 1887 at Iron City, Tennessee. She was the daughter of George Randolph Wade and Elizabeth Melvina Myers Wade. Sarah Ellen was in business school in Nashville, Tennessee, when she met Steve and they were married February 25, 1911. Steve (as he was known) was Public Relations man for the Nashville Power and Light Company for many years. He had the superb ability to handle difficult problems with ease. He could always accomplish a very satisfactory agreement, which made everyone concerned happy. Steve and Ellen had one son and one daughter.



5A1 George Randolph Ausmus, *b.* in Nashville, Tennessee, July 14, 1913. He attended Vanderbilt University for three years, where he met and married Roberta Louise Williams of Humboldt, Tennessee. She was in training to become a nurse in the Protestant Hospital. George is owner and operator of a clothing store in Weatherford, Texas. He and Roberta have one son.

6A1 George Randolph (Randy) *b.* April 13, 1939 in Nashville, Tennessee. He finished Texas Christian University at Fort Worth, Texas.

5A2 Martha Jean Ausmus, *b.* March 3, 1929, in Nashville, Tennessee, *m.* John Smith Cayce, *b.* September 9, 1926. John was graduated from the University of Tennessee. Martha was graduated from the Hockaday Junior College (a girls' school) in Dallas, Texas. Martha and John have two children: (1) Sarah Lou, *b.* December 20, 1954 in Nashville, Tennessee; (2) John Stephen, *b.* October 15, 1957 in Tampa, Florida.

4A9 Johnny L. Ausmus, *b.* March 11, 1880, *m.* Minerva Sparks, *b.* February 5, 1884 in Tazewell, Tennessee, *d.* August 9, 1944. Her stepmother married her husband's father, John Ausmus, in 1892, after her father, Jeff Sparks, died. Johnny was a rural mail carrier from 1902 to 1909 at Speedwell, Tennessee, after which he went into the crosstie and lumber business at LaFollette, Tennessee. He was an exceptionally good business man, became quite wealthy. He served many years as Director of the Peoples National Bank at LaFollette, Tennessee. He always displayed good judgment. He was built like his grandfather, Hiram Ausmus. He and Minerva had one son and three daughters.

5A1 Gladys Orene Ausmus, *b.* April 28, 1906 at Speedwell, Tennessee, *d.* October 18, 1959 at Jellico, Tennessee, *m.* Ned Carroll Watts, *b.* June 26, 1905. Ned was graduated from Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogate, Tennessee and the University of Tennessee Medical College. Dr. Watts and his brother-in-law, Dr. Carl Ausmus, owned the Jellico Hospital, Jellico, Tennessee. Gladys attended Lincoln Memorial University and was graduated from Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee. After graduating, she taught history in LaFollette High School before marrying Dr. Ned Watts. She and Dr. Watts have one son, (1) Ned Carroll Watts, Jr., *b.* June 16, 1937. He was graduated from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, receiving his A.B. degree. In June, 1962, he was graduated from Candler School of Theology at Emory, receiving his Bachelor of Divinity degree. He is now in the University of Boston studying for a Doctorate.

5A2 Audrey Grace Ausmus, *b.* May 7, 1908, *m.* Elmer Everett Sharp, *b.* November 5, 1906. Elmer attended Milligan College, Johnson City,

Tennessee. He owns and operates his own business as a dental technician in Maryville, Tennessee. Audrey received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennessee. She and Elmer have one daughter and one son; (1) Mary Katherene, *b.* May 12, 1935. She attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute at Cookeville, Tennessee, and University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Tennessee; *m.* James Madison Sturgeon, *b.* June 9, 1934. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Tennessee. They have two sons, James Jr. and John Jeffrey Sturgeon. (2) Elmer Everett Sharp, Jr. *b.* March 7, 1940. He attended T.P.I. in Cookeville, Tennessee.

5A3 Carl Enlow Ausmus, *b.* January 22, 1910, *d.* March 23, 1959, *m.* Harriet (Hattie) Claiborne, *b.* October 1, 1908. She attended Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Claiborne, of LaFollette, Tennessee. Carl was graduated from the Lincoln Memorial University and the University of Tennessee Medical School, Memphis, Tennessee. Dr. Carl and his brother-in-law, Dr. Ned Watts, owned the Jellico Hospital, Jellico, Tennessee, where they were outstanding medical doctors. Carl died just as he arrived in Sarasota, Florida. Carl and Hattie had one daughter and one son.

6A1 Janice Sue Ausmus, *b.* March 1, 1935. She attended the University of Tennessee, in Knoxville, Tennessee; *m.* Robert Earl Simpson, *b.* June 9, 1929. He was graduated from Mercer College, Macon, Georgia and received his Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Tennessee. They have two children; (1) Mary Claiborne and (2) Robert Earl, Jr.

6A2 Carl Enlow Ausmus, Jr., *b.* November 6, 1939. He attended Cumberland College, in Williamsburg, Kentucky. He is taking an active part in the city government at Jellico, Tennessee. He is serving as City Councilman and is doing a good job. He is still single.

5A4 Mary Ausmus, died by drowning, while in high school.

4A10 Arthur Ausmus, *b.* August 22, 1883 in Speedwell, Tennessee, *m.* Hattie Beeler. She was the daughter of Marshall and Ollie Rogers Beeler. The Beeler's were one of the first families to settle in Powell Valley, Tennessee. Arthur has always been a progressive farmer and business man. He is about six feet tall, weighing about 240 pounds. He always kept himself busy. He and Hattie had two children.

5A1 Vonnie Ausmus, *b.* July 11, 1911, *m.* Hershall Brown, *b.* February 9, 1910. Hershall operates a large farm and also operates a beef business, slaughtering cattle and processing the meat for sale. He is a Baptist minister and the pastor of a church. He and Vonnie have three children;



(1) Gwendolyn, *b.* October 28, 1929, *m.* Albert Fredric DeVere. He is a pharmaceutical salesman at Hollywood Beach, Florida. They have one son, Albert Fredric, Jr. (2) William Jack Brown. *b.* November 9, 1935, *m.* Jo Ann Sharp. Jack is in the trucking business. They have two children, Ginger Dianne, and Billy Jack; (3) Rebecca Brown, *b.* December 23, 1942, *m.* Jerry Wayne Edwards. They have one child, Samuel Wayne.

5A2 Wade Ausmus, *b.* April 24, 1918 in Speedwell, Tennessee, *m.* Mildred Pruett, *b.* August 23, 1917. She was the daughter of White and Girtie Longmire Pruett. Wade owns and operates a general store at Speedwell, Tennessee. He is serving on the Tax Equalization Board of Claiborne County. He and Mildred have two daughters.

6A1 Mitzi Susann, *b.* September 23, 1953.

6A2 Cindy Lee, *b.* October 22, 1959.

4A11 Hallie Ausmus,\* *b.* August 1, 1893, *m.* Ovid Wells, *b.* December 13, 1894, *d.* May 28, 1956. Hallie and Ovid were married December 16, 1922. Ovid worked on the Washington, D.C. police force and after four years he was assigned to duty at the White House. At that time Herbert Hoover was President, later Franklin D. Roosevelt. While Roosevelt was in the White House, Ovid made frequent trips to Hyde Park, New York, the President's home. He would remain at Hyde Park as long as Roosevelt was there, before returning to Washington. Hallie went to Washington, D.C. in 1918 to work in what is now the Veterans Administration. She later transferred to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Income Tax Division, where she remained until retirement after 34 years of service. Since retirement, Hallie keeps busy looking after a large farm in Maryland. Hallie has been a great help in compiling material for this history. She and Ovid had no children.

3A5 Sarah LaVicey Ausmus, *b.* 1845, *d.* ———, *m.* William Wesley Taylor, *b.* March 29, 1847, *d.* January 29, 1924. They had four children; (1) John Franklin Taylor, *b.* March 11, 1867, *d.* August 28, 1957; *m.* (1) a Caldwell. They had two sons, William H. and James Arthur Taylor; *m.* (2) Linda Catherine Sharp, *b.* January 12, 1876, *d.* July 12, 1945. Linda was a daughter of William Kirkland Sharp, who was the son of Nicholas and Malinda Ausmus Sharp. John and Linda had ten children; (1) Artie Oris, *m.* Luther Cain; (2) Sarah LaVicey, *m.* Julian Medley; (3) G. Nicholas, *m.* Lilah Irene Parker; (4) Mary Jane, died in infancy; (5) Frances, *m.* DeHart; (6) Mattie, *m.* Alex Welch; (7) Robert, *m.* Thelma Beeler; (8) Alice, *m.* Benjamin Brummett;

\* Pictutred, p. 36, as a child.

(9) Myrtle, *m.* Joe Robinson; (10) Satra Lou, *m.* Howard Goins. Both parents of these ten children were from the Ausmus family.

3A6 Patsy Ausmus, *b.* ———, *d.* ———, *m.* Chall Holloway. They had one son, John.

2A5 Elizabeth Ausmus, *b.* February, 1809, *m.* her first cousin, Berry Ellison, Jr. *b.* 1805. His mother was Sarah Ausmus 1E5.

2A6 Eliza (called Liza) Ausmus, *b.* 1812, *m.* (1) Joseph Berry. They had three children. Her *m.* (2) was to Robert Ellison, *b.* 1803. His mother was Sarah Ausmus 1E5, *b.* January 8, 1784. Robert and Liza had the following children: Joseph, Christopher, Eliza, Berry, and Hiram. See Sarah Ausmus 1E5 for more information.

2A7 John Ausmus,\* *b.* May 14, 1816, *d.* July 14, 1904, *m.* (1) Cynthia Susan Sharp, *b.* October 24, 1820. She was the daughter of George Sharp, Jr., and his wife, Agnes Kirk Sharp. Cynthia had a sister, Sarah (called Sally) who married her husband's brother, Hiram Ausmus; also, her brother, Nicholas Sharp married her husband's sister, Malinda Ausmus. John Ausmus *m.* (2) was to Zelphia Haynes. They had no children.

3A1 Susan Ausmus, *b.* 1839 *m.* LaFayette Carr. She was his second wife. They had three children: John, Mary, Zelphia.

3A2 Mary Ausmus, *b.* December 2, 1841, *d.* July 17, 1929, *m.* Jacob Owens, *b.* February 10, 1836, *d.* April 30, 1920. They had ten children: Susan, Matilda, David, Marshall, *b.* September 15, 1871, *m.* Rachal Ausmus, *b.* May 22, 1878. She was the daughter of Captain Bill Ausmus A7. Marshall's mother was a first cousin to his wife's father, Captain Bill Ausmus; Martha Elizabeth (Betty), James, McHenry, William, Hester, and Margaret.

3A3 Hester Ausmus, *b.* 1844, *m.* McKendry Edwards. They had five children; Frank, Spencer, Calloway, Malissa, and Mary.

3A4 Martha Ausmus, *b.* 1848, *m.* Jack Johnson.

3A5 Matilda Ausmus, *b.* 1852, *m.* Peter Bolinger (went to Kansas).

3A6 Benjamin A. Ausmus, *b.* September 18, 1857, *d.* April 2, 1942, *m.* Mary Elizabeth Powell, *b.* 1854, *d.* 1914. After Ben graduated from high school, he ran a country store at Speedwell, Tennessee. He was also the Postmaster and the Post Office was located in his store. In 1887 he

\* Pictured, p. 46.





2A7 JOHN AUSMUS (1816-1904) and his second wife, Zelphia Haynes.



and Ike Bolinger decided to take a trip to Colorado just as a sight-seeing adventure. They landed in Brush, Colorado and they decided to stay there. A year later Ben sent for his family (wife and six children). It took then six days and nights to make the trip by train. Ben and Lizzie had eight children.

4A1 Martha Ann Ausmus, *b.* January, 1879, *d.* March 25, 1895.

4A2 John A. Ausmus, *b.* August 16, 1880, *d.* March 10, 1951, *m.* Laura O'Dell, *b.* February 26, ———, *d.* October 11, 1958.

4A3 Vesta Ausmus, *b.* April 12, 1882, *d.* March 22, 1957, *m.* John Boillot, *b.* 1878, *d.* 1956. There were two children: Lowell and Victor.

4A4 Arro May Ausmus, *b.* April 21, 1884, *m.* Charles Henry Schlater, *b.* April 14, 1880, *d.* August 28, 1952. Their children: George Franklin, Lavina, Myron, and Ima Lucile.

4A5 Walter Ausmus, *b.* November 22, 1886.

4A6 Oliver Ausmus, *b.* July 31, 1888.

4A7 Oma Ausmus, *b.* February 3, 1890, *m.* a Washington.

4A8 Harold Ausmus, *b.* May 21, 1894, *d.* November 24, 1936.

3A7 Hiram Milton Ausmus, *b.* January 26, 1860, *d.* January 20, 1953, *m.* (1) Sallie Nelson Bolinger, *b.* August 26, 1863, *d.* October, 1891. She was the daughter of Andrew Bolinger of Speedwell, Tennessee. They had four children.

4A1 Johnnie C. Ausmus (died at age of four).

4A2 William A. Ausmus, *b.* 1884. He had three children.

4A3 Hassie Lenora Ausmus (died at age of six).

4A4 Hallie Jane Ausmus, *b.* July 23, 1890, *m.* Charles Edmond Rasar, *b.* January 21, 1889. He was born in Carter County, Tennessee. He left home to go to school at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and kept traveling to Colorado, where he met and married Hallie. Hallie is a good musician; she has been on radio and television. Hallie and Charles celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary April 26, 1958. Their children are: Eulee Grace, Anna Burnese, *m.* Wayne Gourley at Johnson City, Tennessee; Rupert Brownell, Margaret Maxine, Ruby Alda, and Charlotte Jane.

Hiram *m.* (2) Mary Ann Keller, *b.* July 4, 1873, *d.* September, 1938. She and Hiram Milton had ten children.



4A5 Lincoln Casper Ausmus, *b.* 1894, *d.* September 5, 1958; *m.* Una Lee ——. Cass, as he was known, worked for the Santa Ana Fire Department, Santa Ana, California for 28 years. His hobby was making violins. They had two children.

5A1 Veda Ausmus, *m.* a Chittock.

5A2 Bernell L. Ausmus, of Fullerton, California.

4A6 Benjamin Ausmus, died at the age of nine months.

4A7 Roscoe Ausmus, of Lamar, Colorado.

4A8 Jacob Franklin Ausmus, of Lamar, Colorado.

4A9 Jasper Kay Ausmus, of Two Buttes, Colorado.

4A10 Evalina Ausmus, died very young.

4A11 Luther V. Ausmus, of Hasty, Colorado.

4A12 Maggie Ausmus.

4A13 Elmer Ausmus.

4A14 Charlie Ausmus, of Wiley, Colorado.

2A8 Malinda Ausmus,\* *b.* October 4, 1818. She was still living when the 1860 census of Union County, Tennessee was taken; *m.* Nicholas Sharp,\* *b.* January 16, 1817. He was the son of George and Agnes Kirk Sharp. He



2A8 MALINDA AUSMUS, *b.* 1818, and husband, Nicholas Sharp, *b.* 1816.

\* Pictured, p. 48.

had two sisters, Cynthia and Sarah, to marry his wife's brothers, Hiram and John. Nicholas, called "Nick" and Malinda had six children; Hiram, killed in Civil War; William Kirk Sharp, *b.* July 10, 1856. *d.* May 6, 1919, *m.* Sarah Owsley, *b.* January 13, 1859, *d.* November 11, 1939. They had a daughter Linda, who married John Franklin Taylor and his mother was LaVicey Ausmus. She was a niece of the above Malinda Ausmus. Nicholas was a counterfeiter.

2A9 Katie Ausmus, *b.* 1821, *m.* John Braden, Jr., *b.* about 1816. Both these dates were computed from the 1840 census and according to the ages of their children.

2A10 Matilda Ausmus, *b.* 1823, *m.* Jacob Sowders; moved to Kentucky.

2A11 Catherine Jane Ausmus, *b.* 1826, *m.* Harve Butler.



## 1B2 The Peter Ausmus Family

2B1 PHILIP AUSMUS	2B8 RHODA AUSMUS
2B2 PHEBE AUSMUS	2B9 SARAH AUSMUS
2B3 JOHN AUSMUS	2B10 JAMES AUSMUS
2B4 FREDERICK AUSMUS	2B11 ZACHARIAH AUSMUS
2B5 HENRY AUSMUS	2B12 DAVID AUSMUS
2B6 PETER AUSMUS, JR.	2B13 ELIZABETH AUSMUS
2B7 SUSANNAH AUSMUS	2B14 JESSE AUSMUS
2B15 SAMUEL AUSMUS	

1B2 Peter Ausmus, *b.* October 12, 1775 in Augusta County, Virginia, *d.* Feb, 1861 in Adams County, Illinois, *m.* Rhoda Roberts, *b.* 1784 in Virginia, *d.* March 28, 1859, in Marion County, Missouri. They were married in 1799 in Claiborne County, Powell Valley, Tennessee.

Peter Ausmus was born in Augusta County, Virginia near the Northern border of the county. This part of Augusta County in 1778 was taken to form Rockingham County. Peter came to what is now Washington County, Tennessee, along with his parents in January, 1783. The Washington County, North Carolina court records at Jonesboro, Tennessee show that the County Court on February 2, 1783, ordered Jonathan Tipton to convey 200 acres of land to Phillip Ozamus and have same recorded, which was not done until the 21st day of October, 1783. Peter, along with his older brother, Henry, and his father, purchased 600 acres of land in Powell Valley in 1792, which became Claiborne County, Tennessee in 1802, after which they received a deed.

Peter married Rhoda Roberts, believed to be the daughter of Charles and Suzanah Roberts who came from Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. He bought 568 acres of land on February 28, 1778 in Washington County, North Carolina, later removed to Claiborne County. There are recorded deeds made to Ed and James Roberts in 1808 and 1809, who may be brothers of Rhoda. Peter and Rhoda deeded a plot of land March 11, 1844 for the New Salem Baptist Church to be built on.

After the death of the mother of Peter, and the settlement of the estate, Peter took his family to Franklin, Tennessee, the county seat of William-

son County. They lived in Williamson County from 1811 until 1817 when they moved to St. Clair County, Illinois, near Belleville, Illinois. Then in 1825 he moved to Adams County, Illinois where he spent most of his days. Peter was a farmer all his life. He was over 6 feet tall, with black hair, blue eyes and features like his mother.

2B1 Philip Ausmus, *b.* January 1800, *d.* February 2, 1877, at the age of 77. Married in Illinois to Elizabeth Hammer, *b.* 1805 in Washington County, Tennessee, a daughter of Jonathan Hammer. Listed are their children: Peter, *b.* 1824, Martha, *b.* 1826, Thomas, *b.* 1828, Susan, John, Fred, Andrew and Elizabeth. Jonathan Hammer was a Dunkard Preacher. He had a son Isaac.

2B2 Phebe, *b.* 1802 in Claiborne County, Tennessee; *d.* in 1824, in St. Clair County, Illinois.

2B3 John Ausmus, *b.* 1804 in Claiborne County, Tennessee; *d.* 1885 in Concord, Illinois. *m.* Ann Rebecca Ballow, *b.* May 13, 1807, in Girard County, New York; *d.* March 21, 1899 at Concord, Adams County, Illinois. They were married in 1828.

John was a Christian minister. They had ten children. Reverend John opened up one of the first churches in Concord. John preached his first sermon at the log house belonging to his father, Peter, in the summer of 1832. The congregation gathered under a tree in the yard. John Ausmus was of the faith known in those days as the Emancipating Baptist. The cabin of Peter Ausmus was a favorite place for church gatherings. One Sunday after the congregation had assembled, a disagreeable scratching and fussing was heard in the loft of the cabin. The hens had been allowed to go there and make their nests. The noise was nothing uncommon, nor would it have been out of order if it had not been on Sunday, and quite an audience waiting below. It became more and more annoying until "Old" Peter Ausmus broke out with, "Dave, go into the loft and kick that old hen's tail feathers till her nose bleeds." It was like a thunderclap from a clear sky, but everyone present knew it was only one of Old Peter's oddities.

John and Ann were buried in Ausmus Cemetery, Concord, Illinois.

3B1 Martha Jane, *b.* 1829, married William Schulls. Their children were: Charles, killed in the Civil War; Priscilla, Arthur, Edward and John.

3B2 Priscilla Ann, married a Titus.

3B3 Rhoda E., married Tom Rowe. Their children were: Mary, Ella, Flora, Jim, and Edd.



3B4 Susan A., married a Renshaw.

3B5 William Henry, enlisted August 12, 1862, was taken prisoner, died in Civil War May 18, 1864.

3B6 Temperance B., married Frank Hogan. Their children were: Jim, Almira, Josephine, Edith, John, Marion, Guy, Anna, Roy.

3B7 Charles, enlisted in Civil War, August 12, 1862, died at Memphis, Tenn., July 2, 1964.

3B8 Mary Elizabeth, married a Webster.

3B9 P. James, *b.* October 9, 1855, *d.* December 16, 1884, *m.* Martha \_\_\_\_\_.

3B10 John (no record).

2B4 Frederick, *b.* 1807, *d.* 1874, married August 6, 1828 to Margaret Saddler, *b.* 1810, *d.* 1875. Their children were:

3B1 Martha, *b.* June 11, 1829, *d.* 1891, *m.* Conrad Baker. They had one daughter, Ida Laura, *m.* Lewis Edgar Brinkley. They had one daughter, Dorothy Brinkley.

3B2 Louvina, *b.* May 29, 1831, *d.* December 5, 1914. Married James Christman Long, *b.* June 18, 1829, *d.* October 26, 1903. Jim was the son of Conrad and Lucretia Warren Long. Their children were:

4B1 William Oliver, *b.* August 15, 1859, *d.* 1939.

4B2 Frederick Oscar, *b.* October 6, 1865, *d.* July, 1921.

4B3 Margaret Louise, *b.* September 22, 1871, *d.* November 28, 1961. They are all buried in City Cemetery, Enid, Oklahoma.

3B3 George Washington, *b.* 1835, *d.* 1895. Married Margaret, *b.* 1842, *d.* 1897.

3B4 Rhoda, *b.* February 6, 1837, married A. M. Lackey, May 17, 1855. Their children were: Marquis Lafayette, *b.* March 14, 1842; Calvin Marion, *b.* May 14, 1844; Oliver L., *b.* December 9, 1846.

3B5 Andrew Jackson, *b.* October 20, 1839, *d.* February 2, 1863.

2B5 Henry Ausmus, *b.* 1809; died young.

2B6 Peter, Jr.,\* *b.* May 30, 1811 in Powell Valley, Claiborne County, Tennessee, *d.* August 5, 1878. He was about 6 feet tall, weighed 165

\* Pictured, p. 53.

pounds, had black hair and blue eyes. He married Martha Hudson Ballow,\* *b.* February 14, 1811 in Franklin, Tennessee. Her sister Ann, married John B. Ausmus (2B2). Martha Ballow and Ann Ballow were the daughters of William H. Ballow, *b.* October 10, 1783, in Cumberland County, Virginia, and his wife, Priscilla Maniere. They came to Williamson County, Tennessee in 1809. William Ballow's father, Charles Ballow, was a Major under General George Washington.

Peter Ausmus moved from Claiborne County, Tennessee to William-



2B6 PETER AUSMUS, JR. Died in Brookfield, Mo., 1878.



2B6 MARTHA HUDSON BALLOW, wife of Peter Ausmus, Jr.

son County, Tennessee as a baby, along with the family in 1812, where they lived until 1817, and his family moved to St. Clair County, Illinois. The Ballows moved to Morgan County, Illinois in April, 1827. Peter Ausmus and Martha Hudson Ballow were married July 9, 1829, and moved to Brown County, Illinois. In 1832 they moved to Adams County. They lived in a small log cabin where curtains served as doors. Martha and her children would be alone for weeks while Peter split rails with Abe Lincoln, working for Governor Wood of Illinois, in Sangamon County. Abe Lincoln and Peter, Jr. would wrestle after the day's work was over. Peter Ausmus was a Primitive Baptist minister and no doubt

\* Pictured, p. 53.



had influence on Abe Lincoln while playing and working together. Peter split rails for Governor Wood to pay for the land he had entered at Clayton, Illinois. Lincoln perhaps had great influence in molding the sound and stable character of Peter Ausmus. Copies of letters written by Peter reveal his carefulness in penmanship. His English, punctuation, and technique of expressing himself were surpassed only by Abe Lincoln.

Peter Jr. and his wife Martha, bought the first cook stove ever to be used around Clayton. People came from far and near to see this stove. Peter was one of the first circuit riding preachers. He was pastor of Little Missouri and Bear Creek Churches. He moved to Lynn County, Missouri and was pastor of Liberty Church for three years. In March, 1859, he came back to Illinois and took charge of New Salem and Little Missouri Churches for the next ten years. At the time of his death, he was pastor of Bethel Church. Peter once owned all the land where the town of Clayton, Illinois now lies.

Peter Ausmus and his wife, Martha Ballow, lie buried in Liberty Church Cemetery, Brookfield, Missouri.

3B1 Rebecca Jane Ausmus, *b.* ———, *d.* 1835; married her mother's cousin, John F. Ballow. They had two daughters, Ida and Mattie. Both died at the age of 16 with tuberculosis.

3B2 Louisa, *b.* March 28, 1837, *d.* March 27, 1928, *m.* Ben W. Burnett, born in Howard County, Missouri, December 25, 1833, *d.* February 16, 1917. When Louisa died, she lacked one day of being age 91. They were married June 5, 1858 in Lynn County, Missouri.

General John J. Pershing was born September 13, 1860, in the home of Ben and Louisa Ausmus Burnett, and Louisa was the first person to dress and care for the little General.

J. C. Penney was stranded while on a tour and spent the night in the Burnett home, and offered them any amount of money for the old church records showing Abe Lincoln's parents dismissed on the church roll because he failed to contribute three bear hides to the church.

Their children were:

4B1 James Peter Burnett, *b.* February 22, 1863, Laclede, Missouri, *d.* July 5, 1893 with tuberculosis in Denver, Colorado. He never married.

4B2 Charles Burnett, no record except one daughter.

4B3 Opal Liota, *m.* Austin Jones; no children. They were buried at Brookfield, Missouri in 1946.

4B4 William James Burnett, *b.* June 5, 1859, *d.* August 15, 1948. Married Ella Cash; they had ten children.

3B3 Mary Ellen Ausmus, *b.* January 12, 1840, *d.* August 15, 1880; married Achilles Wilson. One son, Alfred P. Wilson, was prosecuting attorney, studied law at the University of Washington; he was a very successful trial lawyer.

3B4 James P. Ausmus, *b.* 1843; married Nancy Anderson. They had two sons, Alvin and Irvin. Nancy died with tuberculosis and James married again and he died with tuberculosis before his daughter, Maude, was born. Then his second wife died with tuberculosis. Maude was reared by an aunt at Clayton, Illinois, where she married Lester Woodworth.

James' first son, Alvin was taken to be reared by his Aunt Louisa Burnett, but he died with tuberculosis at age 16. Irvin was taken by his Uncle John Albert, and Irvin graduated from LaGrange College in 1895. He went to Washington, D.C. to work and while working there he traced a great deal of Ausmus history for his Uncle John Albert. While in Washington, D.C., he was working days and attending Law school. Just after he had completed Law, he became sick with tuberculosis and died later in the home of his girl friend, whom he intended to marry. He died in LaGrange, Missouri, June 13, 1908 at the age of 36.

3B5 Elizabeth Ausmus, *b.* November 2, 1847, *d.* August 10, 1869, *m.* Edward Keller from Clayton, Illinois. She died with tuberculosis.

3B6 Henry Peter Ausmus, *b.* April 4, 1849 in Adam County, Illinois; *d.* December 4, 1870. He married Hannah Williams. One son died in infancy.

3B7 John Albert Ausmus,\* *b.* in Clayton, Illinois, December 13, 1852; *d.* in Lorain, Illinois, March 18, 1932 with cancer, age 79.

He was about 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighed about 120 pounds, had black hair, which turned gray-white prematurely, while he was still a young man. He was very prudent, had good business judgment, very little formal education. He was very active in the Methodist Episcopal Church; taught Sunday School class for 46 years. He was Superintendent of Sunday School. He was supervisor of Keene Township for four years, Justice of the Peace, Town Clerk, bookkeeper at Loraine State Bank; also president of the bank. He served on exemption board during World War I. He was half owner in a general store for many years. He owned and operated a 160-acre farm.

John Albert married Mary Anna Johnson of Paloma, Illinois, September 3, 1873. Mary was born February 12, 1853 and died February 10, 1949. She lacked two days of being 96 years of age.

\* Pictured, p. 56.



John and his wife moved to Kansas. It took them three months to make the trip with wagon and team. Old Red Cloud, an Indian chief, buried his daughter not far from where John and Mary Anna lived in a dugout. Red Cloud killed his daughter's dog and pony and put them on her grave.

John's wife, Mary Anna Johnson, was born on the same day Pawnee Bill was born. They were friends all his life.

When John and Anna returned to Illinois with their three older daughters, he had four dollars to start life over. But, John always sang and whistled and looked on the bright side of life and after all his early hard-



3B7 JOHN ALBERT AUSMUS and wife, Mary Ann Johnson Ausmus, parents of (4B4) Blanche B. Ausmus Hartman.



4B4 BLANCHE B. AUSMUS HARTMAN. Philip Ausmus' shotgun brought from Germany and made into lamp.

ships, became quite wealthy and was always helping to improve and make his community and county a better place to live for everyone.

4B1 Alberta Lee Ausmus, *b.* September 12, 1875, *d.* May 19, 1948; *m.* William J. Reece of Loraine, Illinois, July 15, 1901. Their children: (1) Leora Blanche Reece, *b.* January 6, 1903; *m.* Gilbert Nutt, June 6, 1931. No children. (2) William Albert Reece, *b.* July 20, 1904, *d.* February 20, 1919. (3) Juanita Alberta Reece, *b.* November 2, 1909, *m.* Robert Jenkins, October 1932. Robert is a successful farmer. Juanita received her B.S. Degree from Quincy College and her Master's Degree from Western State at Macomb, Illinois. Juanita is supervisor of public schools in Adams County. She has one son, William Robert Jenkins, *b.* July, 1935. (4) Mary



Amelia Reece, *b.* July 25, 1916, *m.* Harry Amburn. Mary works in the office of J. C. Penney Co., Quincy, Illinois. She has two daughters, Margaret Lee Amburn, *b.* April 1944 and Mary Lou, *b.* 1942.

4B2 Anna Mae Ausmus, *b.* March 4, 1878 at Clayton, Illinois, *d.* January 29, 1956 (cancer), *m.* Dorcy Ruffcorn February 1, 1906. They had one son, Lewis Jerome Ruffcorn, *b.* April 5, 1907.

4B3 Mabel Medora Ausmus, *b.* May 21, 1880 in Kansas; *m.* Joseph F. Hardy, December 5, 1900, *d.* March 6, 1902, after giving birth to twin daughters, Hazel and Hallie. They lived a few days.

4B4 Blanche Berdena Ausmus,\* *b.* January 29, 1894; *m.* Grover C. Hartman December 24, 1912. Grover was born Sept. 6, 1891, died October 2, 1956. He was a retired mail carrier. Their children: (1) Paul Albert Hartman, *b.* August 7, 1914, *m.* Mary Lee Dwyer June 26, 1938. They have one daughter, Patricia Ann, *b.* March 20, 1944. (2) Karl Frank Hartman, *b.* October 2, 1915; *m.* Helen Graham, May 2, 1947. They have one son, Gary Paul Hartman, *b.* February 6, 1951. Karl served overseas during World War II. (3) Jean Eleanor Hartman, *b.* January 11, 1924; *m.* Maurice Harold Grimes, Ursa, Illinois, November 16, 1941. Jean has a lovely voice. She sang over the radio at the age of three; now sings in church. Jean and Maurice have three children: Maurice Kent, *b.* May 16, 1945; Beverly Jean, *b.* September 5, 1952; Rita Lynn, *b.* June 5, 1957.

Blanche Ausmus Hartman has about all the Peter Ausmus family history that could be obtained. She owns the gun brought from Germany by the first Philip. The German gun is pictured beside Blanche. She has made a floor lamp out of it.

Blanche is an accomplished banquet decorator and keeps busy decorating banquet halls for distinguished parties. She creates designs for tables where banquets are being held. Her husband, Grover, carried the mail as a rural carrier for over forty years. He served as postmaster but resigned to take a mail carrying job that he loved so much.

3B8 Annie Temperance Ausmus, *b.* October 23, 1856, *d.* April 21, 1883, *m.* Ed Butterfield. They had one son, Burton.

3B9 William Ausmus, *b.* 1830, died young.

3B10 Charles Ausmus, *b.* 1833, died young.

2B7 Susannah Ausmus, *b.* 1813, in Williamson County, Tennessee; *m.* William J. Huddleston, March 19, 1829. He was the son of John and Jane Huddleston. John and Jane's fathers were brothers. Susannah and

\* Pictured, p. 56.



William had eleven children: (1) John, *b.* 1830, *m.* Lucenda Baker; (2) Louisa, or Eliza Jane, *b.* 1832, *m.* Jesse Ausmus, *b.* 1827 (her uncle); (3) Rhoda, *b.* 1834, *m.* Abraham Hultz; (4) Peter, *b.* 1836; *m.* Melvina Amen; (5) Elizabeth, *b.* 1837, *m.* Isaac Davis; (6) William, *b.* July 15, 1839 in Clayton, Illinois; *m.* Eleasy Cook, *b.* December 31, 1842, in Nashville, Tennessee. William and Eleasy's tenth child was Willis Huddleston, *b.* January 4, 1885, in Liberty, Illinois; *m.* Mabel E. Scheurer, *b.* October, 19 1890. She was the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Feller Scheurer, of Portland, Oregon. Their son was Charles Richard Huddleston, Sr., *b.* December 21, 1909, *m.* Beverly Virginia Plopper, *b.* June 29, 1913 in Portland, Oregon. She was the daughter of James C. and Eva Leona Kistler Plopper. Charles and Beverly have three children: Charles Richard, Jr., *b.* July 27, 1935, single; Jerry Willis, *b.* August 18, 1936, *m.* Peggy Marie Smith; Thomas Lee, *b.* October 1, 1939, *m.* Roberta Ann Ferran.

Beverly Virginia Huddleston has compiled more Huddleston family history than anyone known.

2B8 Rhoda Ausmus, *b.* 1815 in Williamson County, Tennessee; *m.* a Davis. Their children were: Ellen, Arminda, John, Bennett, Philip, and Peter.

2B9 Sarah Ausmus, *b.* 1818 in St. Clair County, Illinois, *d.* 1875; *m.* John Huddleston, a brother to William J. Huddleston, who married Susannah Ausmus, a sister of Sarah. John and Sarah had the following children. (1) Arminda, *b.* 1834, *m.* Richard McDaniel; (2) John, *b.* 1835, *m.* Clarissa McDaniel; (3) Philip, *b.* 1837, *m.* Martha Groves; (4) Bennett, *b.* 1838, *m.* Margaret Corning; (5) Elizabeth Ellen, *b.* 1843, *m.* her first cousin, Peter Ausmus, a son of Preacher Jim Ausmus (2B10) (6) Peter, *b.* 1845, *m.* Mary Culwell.

2B10 James Ausmus was born at Mounds Station, Illinois, March 10, 1820, died in 1896; *m.* Elizabeth Hoey, *b.* December 25, 1820; married September 23, 1844 in Adams County, Illinois. Preacher Jim, as he was called, was a Primitive Baptist minister. When the Civil War broke out, Preacher Jim enlisted along with two of his sons and two or three of his nephews. Preacher Jim was too old but they let him go along to take care of the other boys. He was a private in Company One of the 119th Regiment, 58th Illinois Infantry. He enlisted August 12, 1862 and was mustered out on August 26, 1865. Jim and his wife, Elizabeth, moved to Paris, Texas, December, 1875, along with his first cousin, Preacher Henry Ausmus. Jim lived his remaining days as a successful minister. They lie buried in Little Vines Cemetery near Globe, Texas. They had the following nine children.

3B1 Peter Ausmus, *b.* Adams County, Illinois, July 14, 1845; *d.* June 9, 1931, *m.* (1) Elizabeth Ellen Huddleston, *b.* November 9, 1840, *d.* July 4, 1872. Her mother was Sarah Ausmus, a sister to Preacher Jim. There were four children born of this marriage. Peter died at the age of 85 and was buried at Arkansas City, Kansas. Peter was in the grocery store business for 35 years. He was active in civic affairs of his town.

4B1 Sarah Ausmus (died very young).

4B2 Margaret Jane Ausmus, *b.* in Adams County, Illinois, November 19, 1867; died in Kansas, February 6, 1955. She was never married. She was associated with the Fred Harvey System as house mother for 37 years at Ashfork, Arizona.

4B3 Mary Ellen Ausmus, *b.* in Adams County, Illinois, August 15, 1869, *d.* June 11, 1955; *m.* Andrew Jackson Tull, August 23, 1886. They had one son, George Elmer Tull, *b.* September 4, 1887. Andrew and Mary homesteaded land at Lion, Kansas, where they lived and died.

4B4 The fourth child, a girl, died at birth May, 1872.

3B1 Peter Ausmus, *m.* (2) Blanche ———. She died January 12, 1879. There were no children. *m.* (3) Queen B. Neete, *b.* ———, *d.* February 8, 1915. There were five sons born of this marriage.

4B1 Benjamin Tyler Ausmus, *b.* September 2, 1883, *d.* November 14, 1932; *m.* (1) Onetia K. Gilbert, *b.* September 10, 1888, *d.* September 28, 1926. There were no children. *m.* (2) Blanche Branon, *b.* ———, at Clay Center, Kansas; *d.* June 23, 1960.

4B2 Jimmie Ausmus (died young).

4B3 William Elbert Ausmus (twin), *b.* March 22, 1889, *m.* Susan Rebecca Glasser, *b.* June 6, 1887, *d.* October 23, 1946. They were married March 21, 1908. They had six children. William is very active and believes in getting things done. He is like most Ausmuses in wanting his children to get a good education.

5B1 Edna Pearl Ausmus, *b.* November 25, 1909, *d.* May 13, 1927.

5B2 Helen Mae Ausmus, *b.* January 5, 1912; *m.* Cecil W. Wilson in 1933. They live at Route 3, Arkansas City, Kansas, and have three children. (1) Robert Lee Wilson, *b.* May 13, 1934, *m.* Duana Darlene Bryant. They have three children: Rebecca Lynn, Kathryn Lea, and Robert Duane. (2) LaRena Sue Wilson, *b.* May 1, 1936, *m.* Harold A. Long. They have two children: Tamara Sue and Steven Eugene. (3) John William Wilson, a student in Kansas State College.



5B3 William Elbert Ausmus, Jr. *b.* September 30, 1915, *m.* Gladys Maple and they have two children: (1) Lawrence Hugh Ausmus, *b.* February, 1937. (2) Sherry Ann Ausmus, *b.* October, 1940.

William Elbert and Gladys divorced and Gladys married a Whitehead and he adopted Lawrence and Sherry and they go by the name of Whitehead. Lawrence married Judy ——— and they have two children, Susan Annette and Karen. Sherry Ann *m.* George John Bier. They have two children, Terry Lee and Tony.

William Elbert Ausmus, Jr., *m.* (2) Doris Mann McGuire and they have one son, Larry Dean Ausmus. Doris had a son by her first husband and he sometimes goes by the name of Billy Ray (McGuire) Ausmus.

5B4 Raymond Earl Ausmus, *b.* May 1, 1918, *m.* Maxine ———. He is a teacher in Hayward, California school system. They have no children.

5B5 Gloria Elaine Ausmus (twin), *b.* April 9, 1927, *m.* Frederick William Holtzschue, Jr. They have three children, (1) Richard Fredrick, (2) Raymond Paul, (3) Robby Lee. The Holtzschues operate the Holtzschue Hardware Company.

5B6 Ruth Ellen Ausmus (twin to Gloria), *d.* April 9, 1927.

4B3 Washington Delbert Ausmus (a twin to William Elbert). Delbert has been in the United States Army since he was sixteen years of age. He is now retired as an Army colonel. Delbert was on Corregidor when the Japanese attacked. He saved a piece of the American flag by sewing it into the cuff of his shirt and when he came back to the States, he presented this piece of our flag to President Harry S. Truman in Washington, D.C.

4B4 Leo Ausmus, *b.* August 10, 1891, *m.* (1) Martha ———. There were no children. *m.* (2) Jessie, *b.* ———, *d.* ———. They had one daughter.

5B1 Lee Bernadine Ausmus, *b.* November 28, 1915; *m.* William Cale. They had one son, William Bernard Cale, *b.* January 6, 1937. He is serving as a Sergeant, Army Security, U.S. Army, stationed in Tokyo, Japan. Bernadine *m.* (2) to James Hawkins. They are divorced. There were no children. She is employed by the First National Bank in Denver Colorado.

3B2 Joseph Brown Ausmus, *b.* February 22, 1847 in Brown County, Illinois; *m.* Almira Jane Shane on October 14, 1865. She was born August 3, 1850, the daughter of James B. and Asenath (Guthrie) Shane from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. They met while he was serving in the Union Army near Memphis, Tennessee. Almira died in Laclede, Missouri, January 24, 1902 and was buried there. Joseph remarried and located in Rogers, Arkansas, where he died September 21, 1935. He was buried in the Na-

tional Cemetery at Springfield, Missouri. Joseph Brown followed the trade of tinsmith at Laclede all his life. He served as Justice of the Peace at Rogers, Arkansas. He was also an Elder in the Holiness Church. In both these capacities he was authorized to perform marriages. He was kept very busy, as he lived close to the Missouri border.

4B1 Frank William Ausmus. He was an excellent farmer, raising prize corn. He was buried in Laclede, Missouri.

4B2 Ida Lou Ausmus, *m.* a Davis. They had one daughter, Daisy, *m.* W. K. Smith. Ida Lou was buried at Laclede, Missouri.

4B3 Joseph James Ausmus, *b.* September 16, 1881 in Lynn County, Missouri. On September 20, 1905, he married Lula Mae Cotter, *b.* February 27, 1887 in Lynn County, Missouri.

Joseph spent most of his life operating a hardware store in Brookfield, Missouri. They always took an active part in the Methodist Church. He is retired, but keeps busy looking after his real estate. They only had one son. Joseph likes to fish, and was very active in Elks Lodge and Republican Party. Lula Mae keeps busy with Federated Club work, Eastern Star and White Shrine as well as many civic and church duties. She has been a member of the Official Board of the Methodist Church at Brookfield for many years; was President of the Northeast Missouri Women's Federation of Clubs and served as Worthy High Priestess of White Shrine. They both enjoy good health.

5B1 Reginald Eugene Ausmus, *b.* December 1, 1906 at Laclede, Missouri, four blocks from the place General John J. Pershing was born. He was married January 25, 1930 to Barbara Miller Beck. Reginald Eugene graduated from Missouri University law school in 1929. He became a successful practicing attorney until January, 1954, at which time he accepted the full-time position with the A. B. Chance Company of General Counsel. He later was elected Secretary of the Company. As a child, he received considerable instruction in piano and used it later to help pay his way through college, by playing with a college dance orchestra. He is a member of the Masonic Order, holding a 32nd deg. (Scottish Rite) and a member of Movlah Temple of Shrine at St. Louis. He frequently plays the organ for the Methodist Church services, of which his entire family are members, and his wife sings in the choir. He is a 30-year member of the Rotary Club. He has served as Treasurer of the County Committee and is now Township Committeeman for Centralia Township, Boone County, Missouri. He is also serving on the City Council. They are all Republicans. Reginald Eugene's wife, Barbara, is a descendant of the



early Tiptons of Tennessee. She graduated from Christian College, Columbia, Missouri.

6B1 Reginald Eugene Ausmus, Jr. (called Gene), *b.* August 19, 1931, *m.* Lila Virginia Morris, *b.* October 28, 1909, on December 8, 1951. Lila graduated from Stephens College. Gene graduated from University of Missouri with A.B. and M.A. degrees, majoring in Southern and Western American history. Most of his interest centered in and around Tennessee, Indiana, and the Old Northwest Territory of the 1800 to 1840's. He is interested in teaching history. He is also interested in writing a historical novel centered around the Sevier-Tipton affairs which happened in the late 1700's. He and his wife, Lila, have the following four children:

7B1 Reginald Eugene III, *b.* February 1, 1953.

7B2 John Barnhart, *b.* April 15, 1954.

7B3 Virginia Elise, *b.* October 30, 1955.

7B4 Kevin Craig, *b.* October 14, 1959.

6B2 James Tipton Ausmus, *b.* September 10, 1937 (called Jim), *m.* Joan Johnson, August 16, 1959. They have two children, J. T. II and Jeffery. He is serving in the Armed Forces. Jim graduated from Missouri University with an A.B. degree, in August, 1959; continued in the study of law for one year. His wife, Joan, graduated from Stephens College and the University of Missouri.

4B4 Lelia Mae Ausmus, *b.* September 20, 1878, *d.* March 29, 1949; *m.* Edwin L. Goodrich, *b.* April 5, 1863, *d.* November 2, 1917. Lelia married Beckerleg after the death of E. L. Goodrich.

5B1 Joseph H. Goodrich, *b.* July 11, 1904. Joe is Assistant General Claim Agent for the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company at Springfield, Missouri.

4B5 Authur Ausmus. He had two sons Russell and Carl. He went to Lake Charles, Louisiana. There is a Louie C. Ausmus, Jr. and his wife, Melba M., living in Lake Charles, and they are highly respected. He claims he is not really an Ausmus. He was only reared by Louie C. Ausmus, Sr. and his wife. He doesn't know anything about his foster parents' family.

3B3 Rhoda Ausmus, *b.* April 27, 1850, *m.* Charlie Milligan. They had two children, Jim and Oscar.

3B4 Elizabeth Ausmus, *b.* September 11, 1852 (incomplete).

3B5 Martha Ausmus, *b.* February 7, 1855; *m.* David Watson. They had three children, Edd, George, and Lucy.

3B6 John Ausmus (Haybaling John), *b.* September 29, 1857, *d.* April 6, 1949, *m.* (1) Mary McFatridge, *b.* July 11, 1862, *d.* December 28, 1931. They were married April 3, 1879.

John lived near Paris, Texas (Maxey, Texas and Brookston, Texas), most of his life, working for General W. B. Berry, who owned several thousand acres of Texas land. It is said that John Ausmus could get more hay baled in one season than a half-dozen men. This was the reason he was called "Haybaling John."

John left Texas one morning and no one knew where he was going or when he left. The same day a woman left the community and the people thought the two had gone together. Two years later when John returned, he claimed he did not know anything about the woman leaving, and that he had been building railroads in Arizona. His wife had remarried and when John appeared, they thought he was after a part of his estate, which was quite large. However, this all happened to be a coincidence. "Haybaling John" was very frugal, but used profanity by note. His word was his bond. He was very truthful and trustworthy. John and his wife lie buried in Little Vines Cemetery about 12 miles from Paris, Texas.

4B1 James Henry Ausmus, *b.* January 30, 1880, *d.* July 26, 1936. *m.* (1) Effie Jane ———, *d.* January 9, 1909; *m.* (2) Pearl Etta Cook, *d.* July 31, 1912; *m.* (3) Linit Baker; she is living in Dallas, Texas.

4B2 Martha (Mattie) Ausmus, *b.* March 3, 1882, *m.* a Dean. She is supposed to be living in Lawton, Oklahoma.

4B3 Peter Ausmus (Pete), *b.* July 14, 1885, *d.* May 2, 1942; *m.* Lena Burton. They have one son, Philip.

4B4 Samuel Ausmus, *b.* February 28, 1888, *d.* May, 1936; *m.* Jackie Hill, *b.* ———, *d.* 1942. They had seven children.

5B1 Mary Boone Ausmus, *b.* July 1, 1909, *d.* August 11, 1915. She died in a fall from a horse.

5B2 Mickey Ausmus, *b.* September 29, 1912, *m.* Rubye Mae Shires, *b.* April 12, 1914. Mickey is a salesman at Odessa, Texas. They have four children.

6B1 Rodney Max Ausmus, *b.* October 7, 1937.

6B2 James Anthony Ausmus, *b.* July 6, 1942.

6B3 Mickie Sue Ausmus, *b.* November 14, 1945.



6B4 Jayne Annette Ausmus, *b.* February 20, 1954.

5B3 Christine Pearl Ausmus.

5B4 Joe R. Ausmus,\* *b.* June 1, 1917, *m.* Sammie Janice Sanders, *b.* Oc-



5B4 JOE R. AUSMUS,  
Grand Prairie, Texas.

tober 10, 1919. Joe has been a great help in compiling material for this history. He traveled from North Texas to the Gulf in order to obtain first-hand information. He is employed at the Vault Chance Company.

6B1 Milani Dale Ausmus, *b.* September 1, 1938, *m.* Robert L. Vickery March 20, 1957.

\* Pictured, p. 64.

- 6B2 Joe David Ausmus, *b.* October 19, 1942. Graduated from Grand Prairie High School June, 1960; then entered the Armed Forces.
- 6B3 Russell Ausmus, *b.* August 10, 1944. He is a Grand Prairie High School student.
- 6B4 Sammye Kaye Ausmus, *b.* August 10, 1946. She is a Jefferson Junior High School student.
- 6B5 Joan Ausmus, *b.* January 10, 1950. She is a student.
- 5B5 Juanitta Ausmus *b.* ———.
- 5B6 Evelyn Ausmus, *b.* ———.
- 5B7 Samuel (Sam) Edward Ausmus, *b.* April 19, 1928 in Brookston, Texas; *m.* Claire Marie Spellman, *b.* March 20, 1930 at Peekskill, New York. They were married September 12, 1948 in Galveston, Texas. Sam is employed with Union Carbide in Texas City, Texas, as weighmaster. They have five children.
- 6B1 Samuel Edward III, *b.* September 14, 1949 in Salisbury, Maryland. He is a student.
- 6B2 James David, *b.* June 23, 1952 in Galveston, Texas. He is a student.
- 6B3 Robert Lawrence, *b.* August 15, 1953 in Galveston, Texas. He is a student.
- 6B4 Jessica Ann, *b.* June 12, 1956 in Galveston, Texas.
- 6B5 Christine Marie, *b.* September 7, 1957 in Galveston.
- 4B5 Joseph Ausmus, *b.* November 3, 1892; *m.* Nellie Tomblin.
- 5B1 J. D. Ausmus, *m.* a Davis.
- 5B2 Jack Ausmus (married four times; he has four sons).
- 4B6 Clara B. Ausmus, *b.* January 13, 1895; *m.* (1) Poley Thompson, *m.* (2) Gober Perkins; *m.* (3) Will Copland. Clara had two children by Perkins. (1) Vivian, *m.* McCarty (2) W. B. Perkins.
- 4B7 Dewey Ausmus, *b.* May 1, 1898, *d.* April 19, 1957; *m.* Maggie May Helms, July 12, 1916.
- 5B1 Verdell Louis Ausmus, *b.* January 7, 1918; *m.* Molley Marson. There were no children.
- 5B2 Vergil Edward Ausmus, *b.* June 21, 1922; *m.* ———. One son ———.



5B3 Dewey Ausmus, Jr., *b.* July 3, 1924; *m.* Nina Walker. They had one daughter, Lana.

5B4 Edith Pauline Ausmus, *b.* December 15, 1928; *m.* Benny Hostetler. They had three sons.

5B5 Willie Dee Ausmus, *b.* September 18, 1932; *m.* Mary ———. They had two sons.

4B8 Johnnie Ausmus, *b.* July 31, 1902; *m.* Valarie Cochran. They have eight or nine children.

3B7 Maggie Ausmus, *b.* December 23, 1860; *m.* Richard Armstrong Fox. They had eight children. There are only three living; Virginia, Ira and Jesse O. Fox. Jesse married Willie Cain December 25, 1913. They have two sons, Ongie and Edward.

3B8 Isaac Ausmus, *b.* February 28, 1863. He had two daughters, Suzan and Belle.

3B9 Frederick Ausmus, *b.* August 20, 1866; *m.* Mary Welch. Fred was a member of the Masonic Lodge. They had no children.

2B11 Zachariah Ausmus, *b.* 1821 in St. Clair County, Illinois. He died young.

2B12 David Ausmus, *b.* 1823 in St. Clair County, Illinois.

2B13 Elizabeth Ausmus, *b.* 1825 in Adams County, Illinois; *d.* 1874; *m.* Conrad Baker. Their children were: Martha, *m.* a Sheff; Sarah, *m.* a McCoy; Ellen, Susan, *m.* a Jefferson.

2B14 Jesse Ausmus, *b.* 1827, *d.* 1863; *m.* Louisa (the marriage certificate says Eliza Jane), Huddleston, *b.* 1832. Jesse married his niece, a daughter of Susannah Ausmus and William Huddleston.

Jesse joined the Confederate Army and was hospitalized in Nashville, Tennessee. He left his bed and rejoined his regiment. He was never heard of again. His wife, Louisa, died soon afterwards and the children were placed among relatives of their mother. We find record of the six children. Jesse Ausmus was killed as a Confederate scout.

3B1 Jesse Robert Ausmus, *b.* 1854, *d.* 1938, *m.* Julia Ann Carter, *b.* 1854, *d.* 1887. Their children were Clarence, Bertha and Eugene.

4B1 Clarence, *m.* (1) ———. His wife died giving birth to a son; *m.* (2) Mary Luetta Circle. They had the following children: Carl, Jim, Ann, *m.* a Rowland; Clara, *m.* a Hepworth; Minnie, *m.* a Dalfonca; and Susie.

- 4B2 Bertha Ausmus, *m.* (1) a Shouse, *m.* (2) a Walker.
- 4B3 Eugene Ausmus, *b.* 1884; There were two daughters and one son, John Robert.
- 5B1 John Robert Ausmus, *m.* Glenna ———. Robert is Captain and Pilot on a towboat. They have no children. Robert's father, Eugene, lives with them at Beardstown, Illinois.
- 3B2 Peter Ausmus, *b.* 1856. He married Mary Mason. They had two children, Anna and William.
- 4B1 Anna Ausmus, *m.* John Hultz of Kellerville, Illinois.
- 4B2 William Ausmus *b.* February 25, 1884 in Clayton, Illinois; *m.* Della Hunter. They had the following children: 1. Wilma Ilene; 2. Glenn, *m.* Rose Beckman (no children); 3. Diana; 4 and 5 (twins) Norma Lou, and Erma Lee, *m.* (1) Charles Amen; *m.* (2) Gerald Connelly; 6. William.
- 3B3 Samuel Thomas, *b.* December 29, 1858, *d.* March 22, 1933; *m.* Mariah Masterson, *b.* December 31, 1858, *d.* April 7, 1935. He lived at Benville, Illinois.
- 4B1 Charles Albert Ausmus, *b.* April 27, 1889; *d.* December 29, 1961. He was born in Adams County, Illinois. He married Emma Waters, *b.* April 3, 1896, on May 28, 1914. Their two daughters were: Mildred, *b.* March 17, 1920, *m.* Russell Brown of Polo, Illinois; and Miss Verna Ausmus, *b.* October 19, 1924 in Baylis, Illinois.
- 3B4 Fred Ausmus, *b.* August 16, 1860, *d.* 1957, *m.* Delie Hart. Their two children were: Freddie and Bessie.
- 3B5 Jennie, *m.* a Robinson. There were no children.
- 2B15 Samuel Ausmus, *b.* 1829, *d.* 1894. He was born in Adams County, Illinois. He married Ann E. Patterson December 25, 1854. Samuel was a Christian minister. We only have the names of three of his children: Peter, Lena and Ella.



## 1C3 The John Ausmus Family

2C1 THOMAS AUSMUS

2C2 MARGARET AUSMUS

2C3 HENRY AUSMUS

2C4 PHILIP AUSMUS

2C5 JOHN BEDFORD AUSMUS

2C6 ELIZABETH AUSMUS

1C3 John Ausmus, *b.* July 27, 1778, *d.* March 6, 1853, *m.* (1) Nancy Hill, *b.* December 11, 1783, *d.* March 11, 1823. He was married in 1802 in Claiborne County, Tennessee, *m.* (2) Mary ———, *b.* 1789 in Illinois. There were no children born of the second marriage.

John Ausmus, the third son of Philip Ausmus (German) was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, near Humes Run Creek, the upper waters of the Shenandoah River, between Peaked Mountain and the Shenandoah River. When he was five years old, his family moved to Sinking Creek, Tennessee, which is about one mile south of present-day Johnson City, Tennessee. In 1795 his father moved to Powell Valley, Claiborne County, the territory south of the Ohio River, near the present-day community of Speedwell, Tennessee.

John was about five feet, eight inches tall; he had real clear blue eyes and light hair. He was very handsome and enjoyed showing his expert penmanship. He was a Dunkard, or German Baptist Minister. According to tradition, his mother was a school teacher before her marriage, and her children were educated better than the average. John's wife, Nancy, was the daughter of Thomas Hill. She was born in North Carolina. Her mother was Margaret ———. In 1812 John and Nancy took their four children and migrated to Bedford County, Tennessee, along with his brother, Philip Jr. Several of the Hill families went to Middle Tennessee, also. John and Nancy had two children born in Bedford County. They moved to St. Clair County, Illinois, along with his brother, Peter, in 1817. Then in 1818, John took his family to Bond County, Illinois, where his brother, Philip, had moved. (Bond County in 1817 had been taken from Madison County, and Sangamon County was formed from Bond County in 1821.) John settled in the part that became Morgan County at Concord, Illinois, where they took land and settled down, taking an active



part in building a community and establishing a church or churches. He was appointed judge of the court the first Monday of November, 1850. He was one of the first settlers in Concord Township, settling on section #17. He and his second wife did not have any children. John and his first wife, Nancy, lie buried in Jefferson Cemetery south of Concord, Illinois.

2C1 Thomas, *b.* 1803 in Claiborne County, Tennessee. He took up land in 1821 in Morgan County, Illinois. He later disappeared and it is said that he went to the state of Washington. There is no further record. The investigation covered twelve counties and cities in the state of Washington.

2C2 Margaret, *b.* 1806 in Claiborne County, Tennessee. No record after 1820 in Bond County, Illinois.

2C3 Henry,\* *b.* July 19, 1809, *d.* September 9, 1887, *m.* Sarah Riggs, *b.* 1816, *d.* April, 1852. Henry, like his father, was a Baptist minister. And also like his father, he liked to write poems and show his penmanship. Henry preached at many places in Illinois. The first of December, 1875, he went along with three of his sons to northeastern Texas, where he



2C3 REV. HENRY AUSMUS and family, except for wife. Seated (left to right): Thomas, Henry, Margaret; standing (left to right): Peter Dudley, James, Nancy, and John Henry.

\* Pictured, p. 69.



died September 9, 1887. He was buried in Little Vines Cemetery at Sumner, Texas.

3C1 Margaret,\* *b.* 1837 in Mt. Sterling, Illinois, *m.* Dave Sims. They had six children: Henry, Emma, Frank, Alice, Burton, and Lewis.

3C2 Thomas,† *b.* 1840. He traveled extensively, selling pianos in Illinois, then in Missouri. No further record of his whereabouts were found. He was also a Baptist preacher. He had two daughters.

3C3 James,‡ *b.* 1843 in Mt. Sterling, Illinois. He left Texas in 1885 and no one ever knew where he went.

3C4 Peter Dudley,§ *b.* December 29, 1845 in Mt. Sterling, Illinois, *d.* July 1, 1930. He married Mary Ann Brown December 13, 1866. Mary was born October 6, 1848 at Meadville, Missouri. She died in Paris, Texas, October 10, 1933.

Peter Dudley was a blacksmith and a Primitive Baptist minister for fifty years. There were fourteen children born of this union. Peter Dudley was a very determined man and would not settle for less than the best, whether it be in the blacksmith shop or in the pulpit of the church.

4C1 Helen Jane, *b.* January 8, 1868 at Mt. Sterling, Illinois, *d.* September 26, 1920, *m.* John Walker. They had five children: Alta, Claudia, Willie, Carrie, and Lloyd.

4C2 Andrew Lee, *b.* September 23, 1869 at Mt. Sterling, Illinois, *d.* January 7, 1952, *m.* Anne Bunch. They had four children, Otis, Lillie, Eva, and Edgel, none of which could be located.

4C3 Fannie Bell, *b.* February 3, 1871, *d.* January 29, 1960. She is buried at Little Vines Cemetery, Sumner, Texas. She married John Alexander (Eck) Wilson, a barber and Baptist minister. His father was also a Baptist minister. The Wilsons were from Lexington, Kentucky. They had eight children: Donnie, Dessie, Dee, Anna Bell, Carlton F., Martha Hazel, Joseph Alexander, and Nadine E. Joe was a great help in gathering Ausmus information in Texas. He is chief engineer of the Southeastern Division of the Bell Telephone Company, of Dallas, Texas. Joe did not marry until he was about 54 years of age. His wife's maiden name was Della McIntire. Joe has a wonderful personality; he is solid in his thinking. He is about five feet, two inches tall and weighs about 160. He has brown eyes.

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- 4C4 William Jessy, *b.* September 22, 1874, *d.* August 14, 1878.
- 4C5 Authur Berry, *b.* February 22, 1874, *d.* November 25, 1874.
- 4C6 Ida Florence, *b.* September 8, 1875, *d.* June 6, 1876.
- 4C7 James Edwin, *b.* March 25, 1877 in Sumner, Texas; *d.* September 20, 1951; *m.* Ethel Copeland. They had two children, Jack E. and Pauline. James served as District Clerk of Lamar County, Paris, Texas, for three terms.
- 4C8 Otis Dudley, *b.* November 26, 1878 in Sumner, Texas; *d.* September 17, 1898. He had one child.
- 5C1 Otis Houston, *m.* Geneva Ann Holt. Otis died 25 years ago. They had four children; Joe, Faye, Dorthy and Jasper D., *m.* Maxine ———. They had one son, Jimmy Dee.
- 4C9 Thomas Calvin, *b.* September 23, 1880, *d.* February 27, 1884.
- 4C10 Virgil Brown, *b.* September 30, 1883, *d.* November 27, 1933; *m.* Alma Trawick. They had two children, Paul and Onita. Paul lived at McAllen, Texas. No further information. Onita *m.* Henry Erdmon.
- 4C11 Perry Joseph, *b.* January 10, 1886, *d.* October, 1955. *m.* (1) Ola Everett Lawler, *b.* 1886, *d.* November, 1935. They had five children. *m.* (2) Mattie Elizabeth Randolph, *b.* December 15, 1892. She lives in Lubbock, Texas. Perry was a minister and lived in many towns in Texas.
- 5C1 Clifford Buell, *b.* October 27, 1905 in Milton, Texas. He married Lula Estelle Ervin, *b.* October, 1905, on November 5, 1927 at Tulia, Texas. He graduated from Ralls High School, attended Dague Business College in 1925, 1926; then returned to West Texas where he entered the department store business. He is manager of the Casey Carpet Company, Amarillo, Texas. C. B., as he is generally called, is a member of the Temple Baptist Church of Amarillo. He is a deacon, church clerk, and trustee. He teaches the Men's Bible Class. They have two children.
- 6C1 Clifford Buell, Jr., *b.* December 5, 1930; *m.* Gene Webb, *b.* January 15, 1938. He is a salesman for Port Buick Company of Amarillo. They have one daughter.
- 7C1 Brenda, *b.* February 4, 1960.
- 6C2 Mary Lou, *b.* October 20, 1932 at Beaumont, Texas, *m.* Delbert Serratt, August 9, 1959. They have one son, Jimmy Dean Serratt, *b.* July 12, 1960. They live at Crockett, California, where they both are attending Golden Gate Seminary. Delbert is preparing for the ministry.



5C2 Kenneth Van Buren, *b.* August 24, 1907, *m.* Frances Elizabeth Reed, *b.* June 9, 1912. Kenneth is Territory Manager for the Central Texas area for Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, with offices located at Waco, Texas. They have one daughter.

6C1 Donna Elaine, *b.* January 22, 1939. She is a graduate of East Texas State College of Commerce, with Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. She is a first-grade teacher in the Waco School System.

5C3 Perry Delma, *b.* April 1, 1909 (better known as Dee), *m.* Ozalle Orr, *b.* May 27, 1913. They were married September 4, 1932, and have one son. They live at Big Springs, Texas.

6C1 Paul Dean, *b.* July 11, 1938; *m.* Allene Kay Neel on October 13, 1959.

5C4 Graydon Lamar (Grady) *b.* February 13, 1911 in Milton, Texas; *m.* Ora May Heynie, *b.* October 5, 1909 in Abilene, Texas.

He graduated with an A.B. Degree at Texas Tech. College in 1932. Received a Masters in Education at the University of Texas in 1941. Graduate student North Western, University of Wisconsin, New York University; Teacher in Public Schools in Texas, Instructor of Speech and Radio at the University of Texas, Professor of Radio at North Western University, 1945, Director of Radio and Television Broadcasting Services, Manager of Radio Station W.U.O.A., Professor of Television, University of Alabama since 1945, Radio-Television Consultant in Alabama, Fedu Womens Clubs, Garden Club Ala. since 1948, Cons. Dir. Joint Com. on Edul. Tel. 1953, Adv. Com. to President of Edul. TV and Radio Center, 1953. Member of the Steering Committee TV Project Southern Regional Edul. 1956-57; Gov. Com. Edul. TV 1953, Rockefeller Foundation fellow in radio, summers '48, '49. Carnegie Endowment for World Peace scholar, Round Table on World Affairs, 1951. Member National Assn. Edul. Broadcasting. Past Vice-President and President, 1952, 1954 Alabama Congress Parents & Teachers. Chmn. Radio-Tel. Com. since 1946, Speech Assn. AM; Am. Assn. U. Prof. Assn. Edu. by Radio-Tel. Ala. Edn. Assn. Phi Delta Kappa, Alpha Epsilon Rho. Episcopalian, Mason, Lions Club, Office Radio Station WUOA P.O. Box X, University Alabama. Most of this information was gotten from *Who's Who of the Universities of America*. Doctor Graydon L. Ausmus and his wife, Ora May, have two children.

6C1 Bobby Doris, *b.* August 28, 1936, *m.* T. H. Cherones, Jr.

- 6C2 William Haynie, *b.* October 14, 1943, is a graduate of Sewanee Military Academy.
- 5C5 Edith Alice Ausmus, *b.* November 8, 1920, *m.* Harry Brewer Campbell, *b.* February 16, 1917. They were married April 15, 1938 and have four children.
- 6C1 Ronald Bruce, *b.* August 25, 1939.
- 6C2 Claudine Alice, *b.* June 24, 1943.
- 6C3 Harriet Ann, *b.* January 14, 1951.
- 6C4 Glenn Perry, *b.* July 20, 1953.
- 4C12 Alfred Leroy, *b.* January 4, 1888, *d.* October 1, 1950; *m.* Edna ———. There were four children: Travis, Oreatha, Novella, Leon.
- 4C13 Earley Ray, *b.* August 13, 1889, *m.* Leora Lawler, *b.* August 9, 1890. Earley Ray and Joseph Perry Ausmus married sisters.
- 5C1 Elva Ray, *b.* February 5, 1910, *m.* Elizabeth Harrison, *b.* September 30, 1908. Elva Ray attended Paris Junior College. He is currently a cotton buyer in Lubbock, Texas. Elizabeth attended Paris Junior College.
- 6C1 James Wayne, *b.* March 20, 1940. He is a dental student at the University of Texas.
- 5C2 Samuel Dudley, *b.* November 14, 1918, *m.* Madelene Wooldridge, *b.* August 4, 1917 in Paris, Texas. Sam attended the University of Texas, majoring in Accounting. He is presently Office Manager for Lamar Creamery Company at Paris, Texas. He spent two years in World War II. He is Past Commander of the local American Legion Post. He is Noble Grand of the local Odd Fellows Lodge. The two organizations have a combined membership of 450 persons. Sam enjoys an annual deer hunt in Utah.
- 6C1 Rebecca Jane, *b.* March 4, 1942. She is a Freshman in Paris Junior College.
- 6C2 Samuel Dudley, Jr. *b.* September 24, 1943. He is a Senior in Paris High School.
- 5C3 James Warren, *b.* December 22, 1921 at Deport, Texas; *m.* Pauline Jones, *b.* April 21, 1924, at Reno, Texas. James graduated from Paris Junior College. He works with the Texas State Highway Department as Senior Draftsman. He has been with the State 14 years. James was a B-17 Pilot during World War II. He was a First Lieutenant, and flew



35 missions over Germany. He is enthusiastic about deer hunting in Utah. James and Pauline belong to the First Baptist Church.

6C1 Paula Jean, *b.* March 13, 1952 in Paris, Texas.

6C2 Billie Ruth, *b.* June 16, 1954.

5C4 Mary Nell, *b.* June 30, 1924, *m.* Dr. Kermit H. Brooks, *b.* January 3, 1920. Mary Nell graduated from Paris Junior College. Kermit graduated from the University of California in Agricultural Chemistry and then graduated from the Dentistry and Dental Surgery School of the University of California.

6C1 Gary Haines, *b.* August 4, 1948. He is a student.

5C5 Ruth Ostell, *b.* January 14, 1927, *m.* John M. Gilbert, *b.* July 20, 1925. Ruth graduated from Paris Junior College. John attended Texas Christian University at Fort Worth, Texas, and North Texas State Teachers College at Denton, Texas. John is a clerk for the Santa Fe Railroad Company at Dallas.

6C1 Monti Ruth, *b.* April 10, 1955.

6C2 Mary Elizabeth, *b.* March 3, 1958.

4C14 Flora Irene, *b.* June 17, 1892, *d.* December 18, 1943, *m.* Clarence J. Jeffus.

5C1 Jarrell Jeffus—deceased.

5C2 Catherine Jeffus, *m.* Kenyon Wellman; one child. No further information.

5C3 John Dudley Jeffus—deceased.

3C5 James Ausmus,\* *b.* 1843 near Mt. Sterling, Illinois. No further information except he left Texas in 1885.

3C6 Nancy Elizabeth Ausmus,† *b.* March 23, 1849, *d.* March 26, 1923; *m.* Marion Bell, *b.* February 8, 1844, *d.* October 12, 1918. They lived near Macon, Missouri. Many Ausmuses lived in Northern Missouri. Nancy and Marion had ten children:

4C1 Sarah Elizabeth, *b.* June 15, 1867, *d.* May 16, 1909.

4C2 Arthur Walter, *b.* November 19, 1868, *d.* August 16, 1870.

4C3 Minnie Renetha, *b.* November 5, 1870, *d.* January 9, 1874.

\* Pictured, p. 69.

† Pictured, p. 69.

- 4C4 Eunice Sophronce, *b.* February 14, 1873, *d.* March 15, 1932.
- 4C5 Josie Naoma, *b.* December 28, 1874, *d.* April 7, 1949; *m.* William B. McAfee, *b.* May 27, 1867, *d.* January 11, 1950.
- 5C1 Bessie Opal McAfee, *b.* January 11, 1902, *d.* April 11, 1945.
- 5C2 Callie Bernice McAfee, *b.* May 9, 1905, *m.* Robert Elvin Petre, *b.* August 26, 1887. Callie helped to compile this Ausmus history.
- 4C6 Edward Miles, *b.* March 4, 1877, *d.* November 22, 1937.
- 4C7 Alta Luticia, *b.* March 17, 1879, *d.* September 9, 1881.
- 4C8 Rura, *b.* December 7, 1882; died the same day.
- 4C9 Ada Lora, *b.* January 28, 1885, *d.* June, 1936.
- 4C10 Iva Arena, *b.* August 25, 1888, *d.* January 12, 1894.

3C7 John Henry,\* *b.* May 19, 1851 near Mt. Sterling, Illinois; *d.* April 2, 1936; *m.* Mary Maria Colpitts, *b.* January 23, 1852, *d.* November 1, 1930.

John Henry's mother, Sarah Riggs Ausmus, died in April, 1852, when he was only eleven months old. He was born near Mt. Sterling, Illinois, where he grew up and married. In 1875 he and Mary, along with a group of brothers and cousins, went to Texas. John had a full head of white bushy hair; he looked very distinguished. He was loved by everyone, and most people called him Foddy in his older days. He and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary February 9, 1921. All their children who lived to maturity were present for this august occasion. The Golden Wedding Anniversary family picture shows a fine looking family.

4C1 Myron Henry,† *b.* November 15, 1871, *m.* (1) Eliza Ann Martin, *b.* July 6, 1875, *d.* October 10, 1908. They were married May 2, 1900. Eliza was the daughter of George Findley Martin and Rebecca Rushing. He was born at Decatur County, Tennessee, September 9, 1834; died Paris, Texas, June 23, 1930. Rebecca was born Decatur County, Tennessee, September 11, 1839; died Paris, Texas, February 21, 1925. *m.* (2) Beulah Finch, *b.* ———, killed in car accident with daughter, Lola. They were married January 5, 1910.

M. H., as he is generally known, was Superintendent of Maintenance of the Paris Junior College, Paris, Texas, until his retirement about the age of 80. M. H. is an efficient, experienced cabinetmaker and building super-

\* Pictured, p. 76.

† Pictured, p. 77.



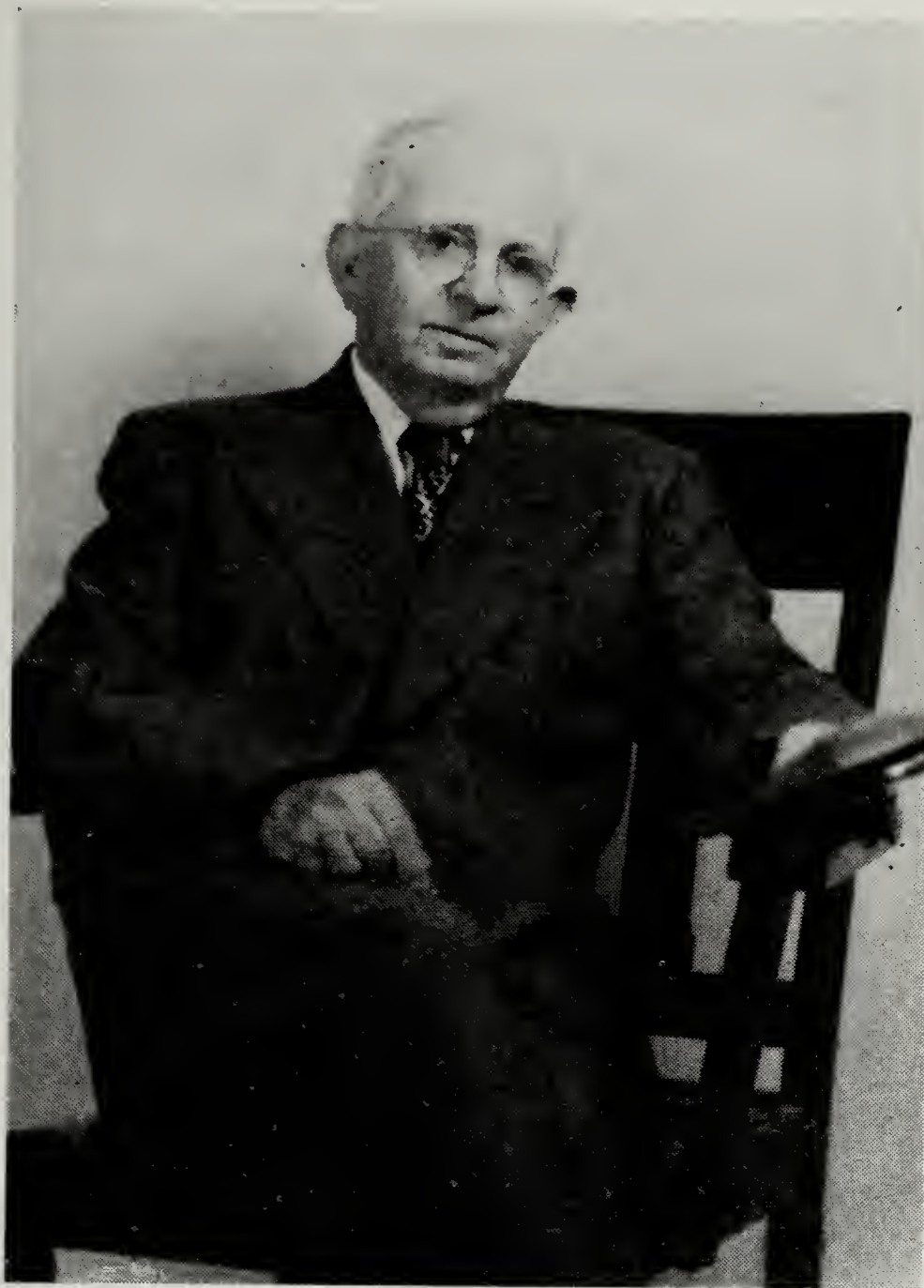


3C7 JOHN HENRY AUSMUS and wife, Mary Maria Colpitts.

visor. He has always been interested in civic affairs, and is always donating money to worthy causes. At the age of 90 years, he is interested in reading good books, such as historical or current novels; having accumulated a storehouse of knowledge and a wealth of experience causes him to be a good conversationalist. He has been interested in and engaged in the mercantile and dry goods business, proprietor of a skating rink, engaged in cotton ginning and sawmill business, and kept up a farm. He often gets into his automobile and drives to Oklahoma to visit his children.



Myron and Lize had three children, and he and Beulah had three children. He is much interested in this Ausmus history; he made a trip to Illinois in 1961 to find information about the Ausmuses. Most of all, he is an authority regarding the life of Abe Lincoln.



4C1 MYRON HENRY AUSMUS, Paris, Texas (92 years old).

5C1 Earl Hampton, *b.* February 27, 1902, *m.* Frances Holman, *b.* December 14, 1905.

Earl was born in Howland, Texas. He had one year at Oklahoma State College. He was foreman for a contractor, building houses. Since 1959, he has been hunting, fishing and raising horses and cattle. Frances is Postmistress at Isabel, Oklahoma. During her early school days she went to an Indian school. She graduated from Murray State College. Her father was the high sheriff of McCurtain County, Oklahoma. Frances is a direct descendant of Greenwood LeFlore, who was chief of the Choc-



taws in Mississippi. She is three-eighths Indian. Earl and Frances have one son.

6C1 Martin Russey, *b.* October 29, 1932 in Garvin, Oklahoma. He graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University with a Bachelor of Science Degree. After serving his time in the Army, he entered Oklahoma University, where he received his Master's Degree. He is now studying toward his Doctorate. Martin is a handsome six-foot, 165-pound man.

5C2 Ayleene, *b.* at Howland Texas, October 21, 1904, *m.* Joe Holman, *b.* Garvin, Oklahoma, July 25, 1904.

Ayleene is kept busy working in the different organizations of the Methodist Church, local and district wise. She has been a teacher for twenty-five years. Joe is retired from Civil Service, where he worked in Government hospital at New Orleans, Louisiana.

6C1 Roger Ellington Holman, *b.* December 26, 1929 at New Orleans, Louisiana, *m.* Helen Nadine Faulkner, *b.* January 30, 1932 at Antlers, Oklahoma.

Roger is associated with a Lithographic Printing Press at Paris, Texas. They have five children: Helen Ayleene, *b.* March 16, 1952, Kenneth Lee, *b.* August 16, 1953, Susan Kaye, *b.* August 11, 1955, Janet, *b.* December 4, 1957, Larry Glen, *b.* November 2, 1960.

5C3 Wade, *b.* November 30, 1906 at Howland Texas, *d.* January 29, 1940, *m.* Neta Burk, *b.* Nov. 28, 1912 at Idabel, Oklahoma. She was the granddaughter of John E. Burk, the first high sheriff of McCurtain County, Oklahoma. Neta is the principal of a school in Idabel, Oklahoma. They have one son. She married Dean Foster after the death of Wade. Neta received her Master's Degree from Southeastern State College, Durant, Oklahoma.

6C1 Billy Wade, *b.* Paris, Texas, October 17, 1938. He received a Degree in Aviation Technology from the Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, Oklahoma. He is employed with the Kincheloe X-Ray Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He married Lou Clardy of Idabel, Oklahoma. They have one son.

7C1 Jeffrey Wade, *b.* September 7, 1961.

5C4 Edythe Bell, *b.* July 9, 1908, at Howland, Texas, *m.* Verlie Hall, *b.* August 7, 1900 at Ada, Oklahoma. They had one son, Myron Edmond, *b.* Idabel, Oklahoma, December 15, 1945. He was killed while playing with neighborhood children. Edythe received her Master's Degree in Elementary Education. She has been a schoolteacher most of her life.

Verlie, a former teacher, is employed with the Department of Public Welfare and raises Hereford cattle. They are both active in the Methodist Church.

5C5 Myron Carlton Ausmus, *b.* December 25, 1910 at Roxton, Texas, *m.* Hazel Geneva Burk, *b.* December 22, 1916 at Porum, Oklahoma. She is a sister to Neta Burk, who married Myron's half brother, Wade.

Myron, or M. C. is known as Mickey. He holds the position of Building Superintendent. He oversees the installation of fixtures and does interior remodeling for office buildings, hotels, and large department stores. He was supervisor of housing projects. From 1929 to 1939, he traveled in the capacity of Construction Supervisor, erecting Post Office buildings in the United States. He helped to construct the United States Post Office and Federal Building in Helena, Montana and others in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

Hazel is a strikingly attractive woman. For four years in school, she was voted class favorite. Mickey and Hazel are active in Baptist Church, working with young people and teaching Sunday School classes. They live and act according to the principles accentuated by the highest standards of our heritage.

6C1 Myron Eugene, *b.* February 12, 1935, *m.* Dorothy Yvonne Little. Gene, as he is known, graduated from John Brown University and is now attending a Guided Missile School.

7C1 Rick Reagon, *b.* 1959.

6C2 Lynda Beth, *b.* December 30, 1939 at Dallas, Texas. Upon graduating from Sunset High School, she was among the top three in a class of five hundred seniors and was granted two scholarships for scholastic achievements and citizenship. A third scholarship was awarded her when she won first prize in the Lions Club Youth Oratorical Contest. She composes her own speeches, writes articles for publication and delivers speeches regularly. In 1958, she won first prize in a city wide anti-alcohol essay contest. The summer of 1959 she toured Great Britain and Scotland. Lynda graduated from Baylor University in 1962 and plans to teach speech and English Literature on a secondary level. She was always an "A" student.

6C3 Mary Carla, *b.* August 15, 1941, in Dallas, Texas. She is a Junior at Arlington State College where she is an Elementary Education Major. She is preparing to teach upon graduation. Carla's beauty and personality cause her to be a very popular young lady about the campus.



6C4 Gena Lisa, *b.* August 8, 1957, blond-haired and blue-eyed, already shows great promise to follow in the footsteps of her two sisters.

5C6 Theresa Merle, *b.* June, 1912. She served in the WAC's during World War II, where she met a girl from Granger County, Tennessee. When they were discharged, they settled in Knoxville, Tennessee where she has been working in a drug store.

5C7 Lola Catherine, *b.* March 11, 1914. She was killed in an automobile accident, along with her mother.

4C2 Lillie Lucretia, *b.* August 6, 1873, *d.* February 7, 1958. She never married. She was a designer and a very accomplished seamstress, designing and making wedding trousseaus.

4C3 Claire Idella, *b.* February 9, 1876, *m.* December 25, 1892 to Thomas B. Tugwell, *b.* ———, *d.* May 27, 1950. They had five children.

4C4 Ollie Sue Ann, *b.* August 27, 1880, *d.* June 9, 1922, *m.* August 27, 1896 to John Davenport Boyd, *b.* ———, *d.* February 7, 1939. John was an extensive landowner and operated five general mercantile stores. They had six children.

5C1 Zeb, *b.* 1897, *d.* same year.

5C2 Carl Homer, *b.* January 30, 1899, *m.* Maude Clark. Homer is Superintendent of the Roxton Water Works, where he has been for thirty years.

5C3 John Davenport, Jr. *b.* September 28, 1904, *m.* Virginia Beale. He is a Certified Public Accountant, a graduate of the University of Poughkeepsie, New York.

5C4 Alfred Wilson, *b.* November 29, 1908; *m.* Onnie Clair Springfield. Alfred is retired, after many years as Senior Engineer for Texas Highway Department.

5C5 Richard Wallace, *b.* July 12, 1919; *m.* Eleanor Moore. They have two children, Richard Wallace Boyd, Jr., and John Moore Boyd. Richard, Sr., has an outstanding World War II record in many branches of the Aviation Intelligence Department. He and his brothers all have good educations and are excellent business men, with Christian characters.

5C6 Mary Helen, *b.* August 2, 1914; never married. She is a bookkeeper for a large lumber company.

4C5 Arthur Edward Ausmus, *b.* August 2, 1884, *m.* Eunice Elizabeth Huggans, *b.* ———, *d.* October 19, 1958. Arthur was a contractor until his retirement. There were no children.

4C6 Eula Vesta, *b.* December 12, 1890, *m.* (1) John William Barnett, March 31, 1910. He died March 27, 1941. He was in the mercantile business. There were no children. *m.* (2) Anthony Joseph Parness, February 7, 1945. He is an artist and sculptor, having carved the eyes of the Presidents on Mt. Rushmore, South Dakota.

4C7 Beulah Esta, *b.* December 10, 1893, *m.* Wayne Hogan Clark on December 12, 1918. He was the son of a doctor in Nashville, Tennessee. The last forty years of his life he was connected with the Continental Oil Company until his retirement in 1956. He died October 6, 1960. Beulah does a great deal of traveling in Florida, Arizona, and Illinois. They had one daughter.

5C1 Lawayne, *b.* January 24, 1922, *m.* William Howard Green December 25, 1941. He graduated from the University of Louisiana, also Naval Academy of Annapolis. He served three years in World War II as an engineer on the U.S.S. *Texas*. He is at present a science instructor in Irving, Texas High School. He is working during summers on his Doctor's degree. Lawayne is manager of the Dallas Branch of Manpower, Inc. They have five children: Biddie Wayne, Synthia, Murray, Susan, William Clark and Robert Charles.

2C4 Philip Ausmus, *b.* Claiborne County, Powell Valley, Tennessee June 9, 1811, *d.* October 14, 1868 in Novelty, Missouri; *m.* Martha Perry, *b.* December 30, 1812, *d.* December 3, 1863 in Novelty, Missouri. They were married September 9, 1832 in Morgan County, Illinois. It seems reasonable that Martha was born in Claiborne County, Tennessee, as her father, Nathan Perry went to Illinois in 1832 along with the George Sharp Sr., family. Three of George Sharp's children married Ausmuses and remained in Tennessee. Philip, like his father, John, and brother, Henry, was a Baptist minister and he was an excellent singer. They lie buried in the Blanchard Cemetery on a private farm graveyard, now owned by Mrs. Bea Bowen on a rural route, Novelty, Missouri. They had ten children.

3C1 Ellen, *b.* 1834, *m.* a Perry.

3C2 John, *b.* 1836.

3C3 Edward, *b.* 1839.

3C4 Calvin, *b.* 1841; died young.



3C5 Brice Ausmus,\* *b.* Aug. 12, 1843 in Morgan County, Illinois; *d.* 1917. He was in Union Army three years. He married Anna Hamlin, *b.* 1852, *d.* 1927.

4C1 Gilbert Ausmus, *b.* 1872, *d.* 1942.

4C2 Edgar Ray Ausmus, *b.* August 9, 1873 in Missouri, *d.* 1926; *m.* Nora Ellen Lilburn, *b.* 1873, *d.* 1917. They had twelve children.



3C5 BRICE AUSMUS' Family. He served in the Union Army.

5C1 Emma Velma, *b.* March 30, 1892, *m.* Clyde Wilson.

5C2 Erbie Ray, *b.* November 24, 1894, *m.* Charlotte Helen Wing, *b.* December 21, 1897.

6C1 Willard Ray, *b.* May 31, 1916.

6C2 Kenneth Leroy, *b.* September 1, 1918.

\* Pictured, p. 82.



5C3 Vada May, *b.* October 1, 1896, *m.* Bryan Dunnington.

5C4 Winnie Marie, *b.* March 3, 1898, *m.* a Barry.

5C5 Albert Mitchell Ausmus, *b.* October 30, 1899 in Adair County, Missouri; *m.* (1) Ruby Clara Jordon, *b.* January 4, 1909 in Macon County, Missouri. They were married June 4, 1925. *m.* (2) Birtie Mason, *b.* November 3, 1909, at Bevier, Missouri.

6C1 Jacqueline Colleen Ausmus, *b.* June 4, 1927 in Atlanta, Missouri; *m.* Glen Fortney, *b.* December 21, 1921 in Kirksville, Missouri. They have two children, Harold Lee, *b.* April 6, 1947 and Stephen J., *b.* October 27, 1949. They were both born in Kirksville, Missouri.

6C2 Robert Mitchell Ausmus, *b.* August 10, 1928 in Romeo, Colorado; *m.* Irene Correia, *b.* April 29, 1932 in Fall River, Massachusetts. They have one son.

7C1 Michael Craig Ausmus, *b.* November 29, 1954 in Kirksville, Missouri.

6C3 Ruth Evadean, *b.* April 30, 1930 in Wayland, Iowa; *m.* Harry Williams, *b.* November 19, 1926, of Elmer, Missouri. They have three children; Paul Richard, *b.* September 2, 1948; Billy Joe, *b.* August 13, 1950; and Cynthia Ann, *b.* June 27, 1953. They were all born in Kirksville, Missouri.

6C4 Mary Lou, *b.* March 2, 1940 in Atlanta, Missouri; *m.* Bobby Arron Lane, *b.* July 9, 1937, at High Point, Missouri. They have two children, Bradly Don, *b.* August 28, 1956; Gregory Mitchell, *b.* June 3, 1959. Both born at California, Missouri.

5C6 Derril Lewis Ausmus, *b.* October 7, 1901.

5C7 Roy Elgan Ausmus, *b.* August 23, 1903.

5C8 Josie Ellen Ausmus, *b.* December 19, 1905, *d.* 1957; *m.* Evan Esterbrook.

5C9 Everett Delmar Ausmus,\* *b.* October 24, 1907, *m.* Alice Elizabeth Mumford, *b.* May 4, 1909. Everett is a farmer on Route 2, Macon, Missouri. Alice takes a big hand in 4-H club work, telling about this wonderful work over the radio. She is the daughter of Albert Lee Mumford and Laura Alice Brubaker Mumford. They have one son.

\* Pictured, p. 84.





5C9 EVERETT DELMAR AUSMUS, Macon, Missouri.

6C1 Jerry Everett, *b.* July 29, 1940. He was a four-year letterman in high school football. He is employed by the Santa Fe Railroad Company. He married Margaret Elaine Miller, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller of 813 Vine Street, Macon, Missouri. He is a very handsome young Ausmus.

5C10 Marjorie Lenora Ausmus, *b.* July 4, 1910, *d.* 1935. She had one daughter.

5C11 Eva Hazel Ausmus, *b.* December 1, 1912; *m.* a Carrigan.

5C12 Ural Fay Ausmus, *b.* December 1, 1912; was killed in France during World War II.

4C3 Fannie Ausmus, *b.* 1875, *d.* ———, *m.* John Bowen.



- 4C4 Ella Ausmus, *b.* 1881, *d.* ———, *m.* Melvin Loft.
- 4C5 Arthur Ausmus, *b.* August 8, 1886, *m.* Emma Bowen, *b.* 1887, *d.* January, 1960. No children.
- 4C6 Effie May Ausmus, *b.* November 3, 1888, *m.* Milo Lyons, *b.* May 9, 1883. They have two children, Arthur F., *b.* September 21, 1912 and Victor Rowe, *b.* December 15, 1918. They all live in Atlanta, Missouri.
- 3C6 Sara H. Ausmus, *b.* about 1845, *m.* Ed Blanchard.
- 3C7 Mary Ausmus, *b.* about 1847.
- 3C8 Rebecca Ausmus, *b.* about 1849; *m.* a Shear.
- 3C9 Margaret Ausmus, *b.* 1852, *m.* James Cupp; children, Jennie, Henry, and Norman.
- 3C10 Miles Delmar Ausmus, *b.* August 28, 1855 in Knox County, Missouri; *d.* February 15, 1927 in Beaver County, Oklahoma; *m.* December 19, 1880 to Ardella Campbell, *b.* June, 1861, *d.* February, 1933. Miles homesteaded land three miles south of the Kansas line, where he farmed all his life. His only son now owns the land. His grandson, Charles Clyde, operates the farm at present. They had three children.
- 4C1 Odessa Ann Ausmus, *b.* September 5, 1881 in Knox County, Missouri; *d.* July 19, 1942 in Liberal, Kansas. *m.* (1) Oscar W. Wares, on January 22, 1902; *d.* January 15, 1916. Their children were: Harold, Oma, Lela, Kenneth, and Clyde. Oma, *b.* April 4, 1904, *m.* Elmer J. Monroe. Their sons were: Elmer Beryl, Merle Dean, and Jimmy Earl. Odessa, *m.* (2) Irvin R. Wares, brother of Oscar, on May 22, 1917. He died in 1927; there were no children. *m.* (3) A. J. Herren, in 1930. He died in 1932. There were no children.
- 4C2 Henry Brice Ausmus, *b.* August 3, 1883 in Knox County, Missouri, *d.* August 14, 1962 in Beaver County, Oklahoma; *m.* Blanche Mae Dickerson, *b.* 1890, *d.* 1957; *m.* on December 20, 1910. Henry came to "No Man's Land" Oklahoma with his parents, Miles D. Ausmus and Ardella Campbell Ausmus, in 1905. He lived all his life on the farm his father homesteaded.
- 5C1 Charles Clyde Ausmus, *b.* September 17, 1914 in Beaver County, Oklahoma; *m.* Avis B. Shores, January 17, 1942. Charles graduated from Panhandle Memorial College at Goodwell, Oklahoma in 1941. He has lived all his life on the farm his grandfather homesteaded in 1905. He operates the farm at the present time. They have three daughters.



6C1 Diane Kay, *b.* October 2, 1947.

6C2 Barbara Jane, *b.* March 20, 1952.

6C3 Charlene Mae, *b.* July 26, 1953.

4C3 Minnie Belle Ausmus, *b.* March 1, 1892, *d.* May 29, 1928 in Texas County, Oklahoma. Her parents moved to "No Man's Land" of Oklahoma Territory in 1905 where they homesteaded land. She married Wade Hampton Odneal. They had five children.

5C1 Floy Bernice Odneal, *b.* September 24, 1914 in Beaver County, Oklahoma; *m.* June 6, 1931 in Seward County, Kansas to Fred Christopher Arnold, *b.* September 9, 1909 in Texas County, Oklahoma. They had four children: (1) Phyllis Lavell, *b.* August 18, 1932 in Seward County, Kansas, *m.* Don Leroy Morris, *b.* April 25, 1931 in Cass County, Nebraska. (2) Janis Lea, *b.* October 1, 1933 in Linn County, Kansas, *m.* Dr. Charles Howard Newton, Ph.D., *b.* November 4, 1930 in Cass County, Nebraska. He is an instructor at the University of Richmond, Virginia. (3) Glenda Belle, *b.* March 1, 1935, in Linn County, Kansas; *m.* Billy Lee Maxwell, *b.* August 24, 1930 in Cass County, Nebraska. (4) Edgar Wade Arnold, *b.* December 23, 1936 in Linn County, Kansas, *m.* Nancy Jane Land, *b.* February 25, 1938 in Cass County, Nebraska.

5C2 Flossa Arlene Odneal, *b.* August 15, 1917 in Baca County, Colorado; *m.* George Festus Barney, Jr., *b.* August 4, 1918 in Miami County, Kansas.

5C3 Harley Miles Odneal, *b.* October 20, 1919 in Baca County, Colorado; *m.* Frieda Fern Anderson, *b.* July 22, 1926 in Linn County, Kansas.

5C4 Verl Eugene Odneal, *b.* May 21, 1922 in Seward County, Kansas; *m.* Eleanor Agnes Hamilton, *b.* October 10, 1919 in Manhattan Borough, N.Y.

5C5 Eldon Wade Odneal, *b.* February 15, 1924 in Seward County, Kansas; *m.* Wanda Louise Carter, *b.* July 19, 1930 in Carroll County, Arkansas.

2C5 John Bedford Ausmus, *b.* January 30, 1813 in Bedford County, Tennessee; *d.* September 26, 1889 in Sumner, Texas; *m.* Elizabeth Lavinia Adams, *b.* 1821 in Kentucky. They married in 1837. John was the first elected Constable of Concord District, Illinois. He and his wife moved to Texas December 1875, where they lived until death. They had no children. They were buried in Little Vines Cemetery.

2C6 Elizabeth Ausmus, *b.* 1816 in Bedford County, Tennessee. She died with tuberculosis in St. Clair County, Illinois, at the age of nine years.

## 1D4 The Susannah Ausmus Family

2D1 ROBERT ELLISON

2D3 BERRY ELLISON

2D2 JAMES ELLISON, JR.

2D4 HENRY ELLISON

1D4 Susannah Ausmus *b.* 1781, *d.* before 1860, *m.* January 2, 1798 to James Ellison, *b.* 1778.

Susannah Ausmus, born in Rockingham County, Virginia, between Peak Mountain and the Shenandoah, in the southwestern part of the county. She came to what is now Washington County, Tennessee, while a child about two years of age. After moving to Claiborne County, she married James Ellison, who along with his older brother, Robert, and younger brother, Berry, came into Claiborne County and settled in the Blue Spring Hollow section. They were from North Carolina. Robert weighed 400 pounds and he fell over a chair and killed himself. James and Berry married Ausmus sisters. Both of them named their first-born sons Robert. Evidently their father's name was Robert, too.

2D1 Robert, *b.* November 1799, wife *b.* 1799. They had five sons and three daughters.

2D2 James Ellison, Jr., *b.* 1801; wife *b.* 1812.

3D1 A daughter, *b.* 1830.

3D2 Henry, *b.* 1832, *m.* O'Dell, *b.* 1835.

James had two other sons and perhaps more; information unavailable.

4D1 Eliza, *b.* February 10, 1853, *m.* William Harvey Williamson.

4D2 William Marshall, *b.* December 23, 1854; *d.* August 21, 1935. *m.* Catherine Ausmus, *b.* September 24, 1866, *d.* August 22, 1940. Her father was a nephew of her husband's grandmother. Marshall was a farmer.

5D1 Bessie, *b.* October 11, 1890, *m.* Benjamin Franklin Alexander.

5D2 Myrtle, *b.* June 23, 1895, *m.* Earl Hobson Smith, both are instructors at Lincoln Memorial University.



5D3 Charlie, *b.* August 27, 1898, *m.* Bonnie Miller. Charlie is a farmer. They have two sons.

4D3 Cumae, *b.* February 20, 1857, *m.* James Edwards, *b.* 1834, his second marriage.

4D4 Benjamin L., *m.* Mary Stiner.

4D5 Abraham Lincoln, *b.* August 30, 1861, *m.* Rachel Edwards, *b.* June 6, 1864.

4D6 Berry, *b.* September 19, 1863, *m.* (1) Adeline Edwards, *m.* (2) Anna Christina Edwards. They were sisters.

4D7 David, *b.* October 8, 1868, *m.* Susan Edwards, *b.* April 24, 1867.

4D8 Paradine, ———, *m.* Cum Braden

4D9 Mary Emily ———.

2D3 Berry, *b.* 1803; wife, *b.* 1808. No further information.

2D4 Henry, *b.* 1807; wife, *b.* 1812. No further information.

James and Susannah had other children, but records not available.

## 1E5 The Sarah Ausmus Family

2E1 ROBERT ELLISON

2E2 BERRY ELLISON, JR.

2E3 THOMAS ELLISON

1E5 Sarah Ausmus *b.* January 8, 1784; *m.* Berry Ellison, *b.* 1780, *d.* 1851.

Sarah Ausmus was born on Sinking Creek about one mile south of Johnson City, Tennessee. This section became the State of Franklin this same year. While still a child her parents moved to Powell Valley, Claiborne County, Tennessee, near Speedwell, Tennessee. The Ellisons and Ausmuses married and intermarried until the two families were closely related.

Berry came from North Carolina to Claiborne County about 1797 along with his two older brothers, Robert and James. After several years he and Sarah moved to Campbell County where he died in 1851 near a place called Flat Hollow. After the death of Berry, Sarah bought 25 acres of land in 1852 from her son, Berry, and Elizabeth Ausmus Ellison for \$50.00 and moved back to Claiborne County.

2E1 Robert *b.* 1803, *m.* (1) ———. They had the following children: Robert, George, Mack, *m.* Easter Wright. They had the following children: (1) Margaret Ann, *m.* John Norton; (2) Esau, (3) Mary, *m.* John D. Ausmus, (4) Gracie, *m.* an Ellison, and (5) Harley, *m.* Grace Pierce; Sally, *m.* a Berry; *m.* (2) Eliza Ausmus, *b.* 1812. She had been married to Joseph Berry and had the following children: Benjamin, LaFayette and one other. Eliza and Robert Ellison had the following children.

3E1 Joseph Ellison, *b.* February 5, 1844, *d.* September 3, 1914, *m.* Ellen Dunn; her grandmother was Rachell Ausmus, a sister to Eliza Ausmus. Joseph's paternal grandmother was his mother's aunt.

4E1 Isaac Thomas Ellison, *b.* October 5, 1884, *m.* Lucy Baker, *b.* September 2, 1896. Their children were: Margie, Pauline, Maude and Wayne.

4E2 Fellie Ellison, *b.* March 26, 1886, *d.* July 18, 1947, *m.* French Claiborne, *b.* February 29, 1884.



4E3 Lou Vernie Ellison, *b.* January 19, 1892, *m.* Marshall Owens, *b.* September 15, 1871, *d.* November 6, 1954. Their children were: Mattie, Lena and Marshall, Jr.

4E4 Susan Almeda Ellison, *b.* October 26, 1893, *d.* August 31, 1925, *m.* Fine Monday. Their children were: Everett, Newman, Clairette, Fine, Jr.

4E5 Major Gratz Ellison, *b.* July 23, 1895, *d.* October 3, 1918. He died in France during World War I.

4E6 Rachel Clairette Ellison, *b.* November 1, 1897, *m.* Robert Monday, *b.* October 28, 1895. Their children: Beatrice and Wade.

4E7 Martha Paradine Ellison, *b.* April 1, 1899, *m.* Johnnie Tennel, *b.* April 28, 1894. There was one child, Faye.

4E8 Newton Curtis Ellison, *b.* September 3, 1900, *d.* July 21, 1950, *m.* Lola Still, *b.* October 25, 1905. Their children: Hazel, Howard and Joseph.

3E2 Christopher.

3E3 Eliza, *m.* Taylor Brewer.

3E4 Berry.

3E5 Hiram.

2E2 Berry, Jr., *b.* 1805, *m.* Elizabeth Ausmus, *b.* 1809 (first cousins). She was a sister to Eliza and Rachel.

2E3 Thomas, *b.* 1805; wife, *b.* 1811.

Sarah and Berry had other children, but records are not available.

## 1F6 The Philip Ausmus, Jr. Family

2F1 MARGARET AUSMUS	2F8 RACHEL AUSMUS
2F2 CATHERINE AUSMUS	2F9 HENRY AUSMUS
2F3 SUSANNAH AUSMUS	2F10 ELIZABETH AUSMUS
2F4 MARY ANN (POLLY) AUSMUS	2F11 MARTHA JANE AUSMUS
2F5 SARAH AUSMUS	2F12 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AUSMUS
2F6 MATILDA AUSMUS	2F13 PHILIP AUSMUS III
2F7 THOMAS BOND AUSMUS	2F14 JOHN BRATTON AUSMUS
2F15 ANDREW JACKSON AUSMUS	

1F6 Philip Ausmus, Jr., *b.* March 19, 1788, *d.* December 30, 1856; *m.* Deidamiah Brattain or Bratton, *b.* January 15, 1800, *d.* March 1, 1853.

Philip was born near Johnson City, Tennessee, which was the State of Franklin from 1784 and 1788. John Sevier was the Governor of this new state he helped organize. Sevier later served three terms as the first Governor of Tennessee. John Sevier was a personal friend to Philip's father. Philip was a Primitive Baptist minister. When his parents moved to Powell Valley in 1795, he was only seven years old. He attended church at the Davis Creek Church, which his father helped establish and preached until his death. After the death of his father in 1809 and his mother's death in 1811, Philip went west to Bedford County, Tennessee, where he met and married a beautiful young girl on February 1, 1815. His older brother, John, had married Nancy Hill of Powell Valley. They also moved to Bedford County. At the same time another older brother, Peter, moved to Williamson County, Tennessee, which was near Bedford County. Philip's wife was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Brattain or Bratton, and Mary Hill Brattain, from Randolph County, North Carolina. Benjamin Franklin Brattain or Bratton was born about 1767 and died about 1820 in Bond County, Illinois. He was the son of Robert and Mary Millikan Bratton. Mary Hill Brattain or Bratton, was born about



1771; died January 18, 1849. She was buried beside Deidamiah and Philip Ausemus in Moss Cemetery in Morgan County, Illinois. Their eldest daughter, Rachel, *b.* 1796, *m.* William Moss. Their second child, Delilah, *b.* 1798, *m.* John Box. Their third child was Deidamiah. The fourth child was a son, Paul, *b.* December 30, 1801, *m.* Elizabeth Carter. Benjamin was born about 1803. He was still single and was living with Deidamiah and Philip in 1830. Their sixth child, Mary, *b.* 1806, *m.* Samuel Huddleston. Their seventh child, Elizabeth, *b.* 1809, *m.* a Moss. Their eighth child, Jonathan, *b.* 1813, *m.* Mary Ellen Trimble. Philip and Deidamiah perhaps had sixteen children, but we can only account for fifteen. Their first two children were born in Bedford County, Tennessee. The next four in Bond County, Illinois, and the balance in Morgan County, Illinois. Philip and Deidamiah lie buried in Moss Cemetery, not far from Concord, Illinois. Her tombstone lists her name as Ausmus, but Philip's stone lists his name as Ausemus. Philip's brother, John, married Nancy Hill, born in North Carolina, and it seems reasonable that his wife, Deidamiah, and John's wife, Nancy, were related, as Deidamiah's mother was a Hill. Six or seven of the Hill families went along to Bedford County with Philip and his brother, John and his wife, Nancy Hill Ausmus in 1812. There were nine Hill heads of families in Bedford County in 1812.

2F1 Margaret Ausemus, *b.* December 2, 1815, in Bedford County, Tennessee; *m.* Madison Clayton, August 27, 1832, in Morgan County, Illinois.

2F2 Catherine Ausemus, *b.* February 15, 1817 in Bedford County, Tennessee, *d.* in Bond County, Illinois sometime before 1818 census was taken.

2F3 Susannah Ausemus, *b.* January 6, 1819 in Bond County, Illinois; *d.* same year according to 1820 census.

2F4 Mary Ann (Polly), *b.* March 13, 1821 in Bond County, Illinois; *m.* John B. Liles, August 1, 1839 in Morgan County, Illinois.

2F5 Sarah Ausemus,\* *b.* November 4, 1822 in Bond County, Illinois, *d.* February 12, 1916 in Morgan County, Illinois; *m.* Isaac Moss, December 2, 1841 in Morgan County. They had three sons and one daughter, (1) Margaret died young, (2) Charley went to Atkinson, Nebraska, (3) Philip to Iola, Kansas, (4) Isaac, Jr. to Spokane, Washington. After Isaac Moss died, Sarah married a Soloman.

2F6 Matilda Ausemus,† *b.* April 21, 1824 in Bond County, Illinois, *d.* October 11, 1906; *m.* Dr. William Standley, June 24, 1842 in Morgan

\* Pictured, p. 93.

† Pictured, p. 94.

County, Illinois. He was born October 21, 1818 in Bedford or Robertson County, Tennessee; *d.* March 4, 1905. Dr. Standley was the first child of Noble and Nancy Smart Standley, born in Henrico County, Virginia, *b.* March 20, 1791, *d.* April 5, 1862. Nancy, *b.* March 14, 1795, *d.* March 11, 1876. Noble Standley was the son of Moses and —— Bird (Byrd) Stand-



2F5 SARAH AUSEMUS and husband, Isaac Moss.  
Sarah lived to be 94 years old.

ley. Moses was born 1766 at Standleydale, Scotland. He died in Claiborne County, Tennessee near Cumberland Gap. Moses and his wife, Bird or Byrd, had five children after Noble was born, as follows: Rasmey, Lemuel, Jeremiah, another son, then their last child, William Harrison Standley, born in Claiborne County, Tennessee May 15, 1814. He married Elizabeth G. Shelton, March 1, 1834.

Dr. William Standley and Matilda Ausemus Standley had the following children:





2F6 MATILDA AUSEMUS STANDLEY, d. 1906.

3F1 Nancy Standley, *b.* May 10, 1843 in Morgan County, Illinois, *d.* July 24, 1935; *m.* Thomas Jefferson Young. They lie buried in Carlinville, Illinois.

3F2 Deidamiah Standley, *b.* September 15, 1844 in Morgan County, Illinois, *d.* December 10, 1935, *m.* Nathaniel Bird. She was buried in Gentry County, Missouri; he in Fairport, Missouri.

3F3 Richard Standley, *b.* May 22, 1846 in Morgan County, Illinois, *d.* May 3, 1869, *m.* America Jane Campbell. They lie buried in Fairport, Missouri.

3F4 Susan Standley, *b.* April 9, 1848, *d.* July 5, 1931, *m.* Isaac Newton Wright. They lie buried near Carlinville, Illinois.

3F5 Marthy Jane, *b.* February 21, 1850 in Morgan County, Illinois; *d.* September 4, 1852.

3F6 Matilda Standley,\* *b.* March 16, 1852 in Wopello, Iowa, *d.* August 30, 1962, *m.* Jacob Calmore Rogers (called Callie). They were married in



3F6 MATILDA STANDLEY ROGERS  
(lived to be 110 years old).

Gentry County, Missouri, March 19, 1871. They lie buried in Selden, Kansas.

Matilda lived to be 110 years, 5 months, and 14 days old. She was able to operate her farm of 640 acres until a short time before her death. She lived through the period of greatest changes in living, of almost anyone in these United States. She lived when heat was made from buffalo chips to

\* Pictured, p. 95.



push-button heat control, from tallow candles to electricity, from oxen to tractors, and airplanes traveling from New York to San Francisco in three hours, from a western dugout home to modern farmhouse. To have lived to see this great transition has been a unique experience, granted to few. She taught school during her young womanhood. When she died, she left 153 living descendants, representing five generations.

3F7 Margaret Standley, *b.* March 8, 1855, *d.* March 19, 1887, *m.* William Wright Shultz. They lie buried in Wheeler Cemetery, Gentry County, Missouri.

3F8 Noble Standley, *b.* November 29, 1856, *m.* Lottie Olmstead. He was with Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders.

3F9 Luvinia Standley, *b.* November 21, 1858, *d.* October 25, 1939, *m.* William Allen Rogers. They lie buried at Selden, Kansas.

3F10 Mary Ann Standley, *b.* February 21, 1861, *d.* February 8, 1933, *m.* John Caleb Gromer (originally Groomer). They were buried near McFall, Missouri.

3F11 Sarah Standley, *b.* October 15, 1862, *d.* February, 1929, *m.* Isaac Walter Stimatze. They lie buried in Neeland Cemetery, Stafford County, Kansas.

3F12 William Standley, *b.* October 11, 1864, *d.* August 15, 1865.

3F13 Emma Standley, *b.* March 16, 1866, *d.* November 1, 1914, *m.* Daniel Jay Haver. They were buried near Civil Bend, Missouri.

3F14 John Standley, *b.* January 31, 1868 in Gentry County, Missouri, *d.* April 22, 1940, *m.* Lizzie Maggie Johnston, *b.* March 6, 1887, *d.* March 27, 1931. They lie buried in Valleyview Cemetery, Garden City, Kansas. Lizzie was a great-niece of Jefferson Davis, President of the South. Their sixth child, Grace Ann,\* *b.* January 21, 1895, *m.* Marvin Glen Klein. Grace A. Klein has contributed a great deal of time in compiling Ausemus and Standley history, which has been invaluable to this book. She has been very meticulous in searching for the truth. Without her help, this history would have been delayed several years.

2F7 Thomas Bond Ausmus, *b.* September 25, 1825, in Morgan County, Illinois, *d.* July 17, 1892 in Sangamon County, Illinois, *m.* (1) ——— 1852. She died giving birth to one son. Thomas B. *m.* (2) Martha A. Clark, November 20, 1856 by Reverend William Hogan. Thomas and Martha had one son and two daughters.

\* Pictured, p. 97.



3F1 Thomas Andrew Ausmus, *b.* 1853, was by first marriage of Thomas B. Ausmus. Thomas Andrew's first marriage record was not found, but there was one son born.

4F1 George L. Ausmus (2 sons certain).



3F14 GRACE A. STANDLEY KLEIN,  
Genealogical Researcher.

5F1 George P. Ausmus.

5F2 Fred Ausmus, *b.* March 9, 1912, *m.* Eitress Cleona Hickman, *b.* June 21, 1908. They had three children.

6F1 James Thomas Ausmus, *m.* Edna———.

6F2 Edward Lee Ausmus, *m.* ——.

6F3 Margery Ann Ausmus (at home).



Thomas Andrew's (3F1) second marriage was to Nancy Jane Sharp, *b.* March 16, 1876.

4F2 Richard, died at age 16.

4F3 Joseph Ausmus.

4F4 Rosetta Mae.

4F5 Dewey William Ausmus, *b.* March 13, 1899, *m.* Anna Marie Gathard, *b.* August 4, 1903. They have three children.

5F1 Ellamae Ausmus, *b.* January 12, 1926, *m.* Mr. Eater.

5F2 Francis Neal Ausmus, *b.* July 5, 1929, *m.* Peggy ———.

5F3 Rosemary Ausmus, *b.* February 10, 1931, *m.* Mr. Richardson.

3F2 Edgar Ausmus, *b.* January 1, 1860, *m.* Mary V. Barnes. They had three sons and one daughter.

4F1 Neal Ausmus, *d.* in Moline, Illinois. Neal had one daughter, Virginia Lee.

4F2 Rex Ausmus. Rex had one son and one daughter.

5F1 Donald Ausmus.

5F2 Mary Alice, *m.* Bill Adair.

4F3 Carl Ausmus, *b.* 1905, *d.* 1962, *m.* Helen ———. They had one son and one daughter.

5F1 Robert Ausmus.

5F2 Constance Ausmus.

4F4 Cora B. Ausmus, *m.* a Baker.

3F3 Priscilla Ausmus.

3F4 Elma Ausmus.

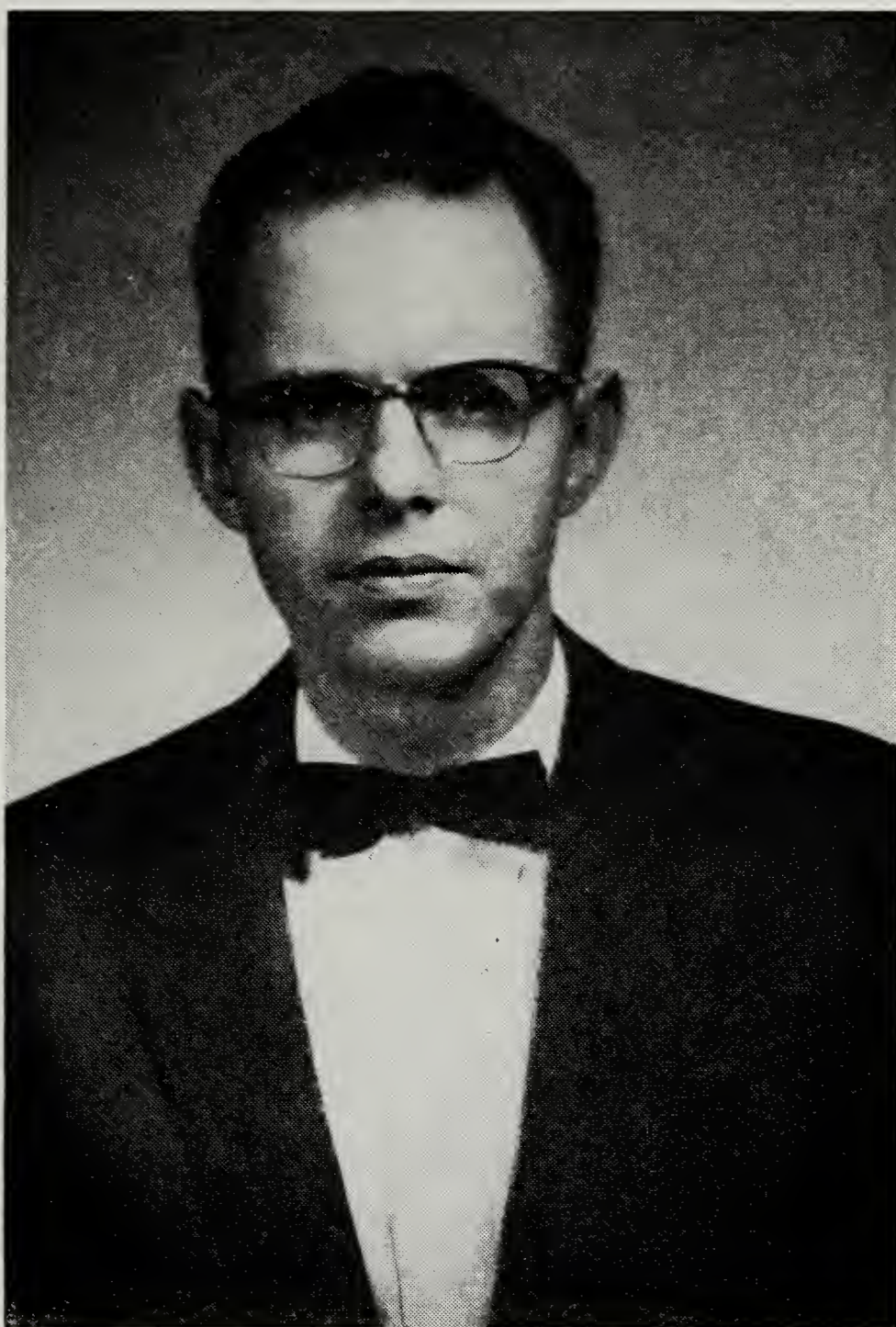
2F8 Rachel Ausmus, *b.* February 11, 1827 in Morgan County, Illinois, *d.* July 25, 1916, *m.* Richard Standley October 1, 1846 in Morgan County, Illinois. Richard was born February 4, 1828, died June 28, 1919. They were buried in Morgan County, Illinois. Richard's oldest brother, William, married Matilda Ausemus, Rachel's sister. To get the Standley lineage, go back to 2F6, Matilda Ausemus and William Standley. Richard and Rachel had eight children.

3F1 Henry B. Standley, *b.* August 17, 1847 in Morgan County, Illinois.

3F2 Cyrus, *b.* November 16, 1849, *d.* February 19, 1944.

3F3 Phillip, *b.* August 23, 1851, *d.* 1931.

3F4 Sarah, *b.* June 3, 1853, *d.* December 21, 1856.



3F8 DR. JOHN FRANKLIN VALLENTINE,  
Professor of Range Management.

3F5 Noble, *b.* July 3, 1855, *d.* November 9, 1856.

3F6 Bengamon, *b.* April 15, 1857, *d.* October 1857.

3F7 Eliza Standley, *b.* October 1, 1858, *d.* June 21, 1913.

3F8 Mary Jane, *b.* October 18, 1860, *d.* June 29, 1938; *m.* John Major Vallentine, *b.* October 22, 1856. They were married December 26, 1878. They were buried in Ashland County, Clark, Kansas. They had seven



children. Their second child was John Cloyd Vallentine, *b.* June 12, 1881 in Concord, Illinois; *m.* Daisy Anna Fox, *b.* November 27, 1883, a daughter of Millard Fillmore and Mae Cook Vallentine. They had six children. Their second child was John Fillmore Vallentine, *b.* April 6, 1906 at Clark, Kansas; *m.* Venna Irene Wilson, *b.* February 28, 1910 at Clark, Kansas. She was the daughter of John Claudus and Mabel Pack Wilson. They had two children. (1) John Franklin Vallentine,\* *b.* August 1, 1931 at Clark, Kansas; *m.* Bonnie Blanche Clawson, *b.* December 24, 1932 at Clark, Kansas. She was the daughter of George McWhorter and Letha Ida Bentley Clawson. John Franklin received his Doctor's Degree from the Utah State University, Logan, Utah. He is professor of Range Management at Utah State University. They have three children: (1) Dixie Lee, *b.* December 21, 1951 at Ellis, Oklahoma, (2) Cinda Grace, *b.* February 26, 1954 in Adams, Colorado, (3) John Michael, *b.* August 10, 1959 in Cache, Utah. Dr. John did a great job in research for this history.

3F9 Ausker Standley, *b.* July 10, 1862, *d.* January 26, 1866.

3F10 Josiah (Joe) Standley, *b.* April 14, 1864, *d.* April 14, 1943.

3F11 Edward Standley, *b.* March 11, 1866, *d.* April 30, 1954.

3F12 Richard Standley, Jr., *b.* May 19, 1868, *d.* 1955.

2F9 Henry Ausmus, *b.* April 8, 1830 in Morgan County, Illinois; *d.* ———, *m.* Hannah Ann Holliday, January 4, 1855 in Morgan County, Illinois.

3F1 Charles Benjamin Ausmus, *b.* February 1, 1857, *d.* February 12, 1943; *m.* Lillian Ludella Standley, in Gentry County, Missouri. They had five children.

4F1 Joe Osmond Ausmus, *b.* January 25, 1891; *m.* December 24, 1930 to Gladys Arlene Denstedt, *b.* January 13, 1902 in Burns, Oregon. Joe attended Oregon State University and Gladys attended Walla Walla College. They are ranching at Lawen, Oregon. They have four children.

5F1 Marilyn Louise Ausmus, *b.* November 7, 1931 in Burns, Oregon; *m.* James H. Bamerry on June 17, 1951. They have one child, Nola Jean, *b.* August 23, 1958 in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

5F2 Margaret Lucille Ausmus, *b.* March 15, 1933, at Burns, Oregon, *m.* June 13, 1954 to John Eugene Trainer. They have two children: (1) Jolene LeAnn, *b.* November 16, 1957 at Twin Falls, Idaho. (2) Wesley Keith, *b.* February 16, 1962 at Burns, Oregon.

\* Pictured, p. 99.

5F3 Donna Mae Ausmus, *b.* May 18, 1935 in Burns, Oregon, *m.* April 11, 1954 to Gordon Don Avery. They have three children, (1) Bruce Gordon, *b.* September 8, 1955 in Bend, Oregon; (2) Kathryn Marie, *b.* July 7, 1958 in Burns, Oregon; (3) Marc Alan, *b.* April 2, 1962 in Weiser, Idaho.

5F4 Arlene Joyce Ausmus, *b.* February 22, 1942 in Burns, Oregon. (Single)

4F2 Benjamin Richard Ausmus, *b.* March 29, 1892 in Missouri. He never married.

4F3 Standley Ausmus, *b.* November 21, 1902 in Lawen, Oregon, *d.* October 24, 1957. His wife and son, Standley, Jr. live in Scio, Oregon.

4F4 John Henry Ausmus, *b.* July 28, 1909 in Lawen, Oregon; *m.* Inez Mary NeVore, *b.* Hanston, Kansas, May 14, 1911. They had four children.

5F1 Pauline Ludella, *b.* April 27, 1938 at Blackwell, Oklahoma, *m.* Allan W. Braymen of Shenandoah, Iowa. They have two children: (1) Karen Louise, *b.* December 1, 1958; (2) Janet Marie, *b.* April 8, 1960 in Burns, Oregon.

5F2 John Alton Ausmus, *b.* January 3, 1940 in Burns, Oregon; *m.* Eloise Katherine Hanson, *b.* May 29, 1943.

5F3 David Richard Ausmus, *b.* February 19, 1943 in Burns, Oregon.

5F4 James Martin Ausmus, *b.* March 8, 1944 in Burns, Oregon.

4F5 Izala Ausmus, *b.* ———, *m.* Benjamin O'Keefe. They live at Silver Lake, Oregon.

3F2 George Richard Ausmus, *b.* February 1, 1861, *d.* November 1934; *m.* Barbara Kate Resch, December 24, 1880 in Morgan County, Illinois. She died January 3, 1943. Both are buried at Garden City, Kansas. They had two children.

4F1 Hannah Toots Ausmus, *m.* Payton ———. They live near Phoenix, Arizona.

4F2 Fred Ausmus, lives near Garden City, Kansas.

2F10 Elizabeth Ausemus, *b.* December 28, 1831 in Morgan County, Illinois.



2F11 Martha Jane Ausemus,\* *b.* March 18, 1832 in Morgan County, Illinois; *d.* November 4, 1897 in Jacksonville, Illinois. She lived with her father at the time of his death.

2F12 Benjamin Franklin Ausmus, *b.* November 27, 1834, *d.* 1903. He is buried at Burns, Oregon. We didn't learn to whom he was married, but he had one daughter named Maida Katherine. Before going to Oregon,



2F11 MARTHA JANE AUSEMUS,  
*d.* 1897, Jacksonville, Illinois.

he went to San Francisco and invested \$1500 in a gold mine. He lost it all. He went into business with his nephew, Charles Benjamin Ausmus, in Burns, Oregon. Ben Ausmus and William Moss were appointed administrators of Philip Ausmus' estate before going West.

2F13 Philip Ausmus III,† *b.* September 25, 1836; *m.* Jane Bradshaw‡ in Morgan County, Illinois. They moved to Gentry County, Missouri. They had two sons.

\* Pictured, p. 102.

† Pictured, p. 103.

‡ Pictured, p. 103.



3F1 Frank Ausmus, lost his life on a whaling vessel.

3F2 George H. Ausmus, *m.* Susan Durbin. She died in Fairport, Missouri while their five daughters were very small.

2F14 John Bratton Ausmus,\* *b.* July 25, 1839 in Morgan County, Il-



2F13 PHILIP AUSMUS III, born 1836,  
and wife, JANE BRADSHAW AUSMUS.

linois, *d.* December, 1924; *m.* Louisa Harrett Richardson on March 10, 1859. John B. died at Chandler, Oklahoma. They had four daughters and three sons.

3F1 Andrew Ausmus, *b.* about 1861, *d.* 18 months old.

3F2 Mollie Ausmus, *b.* about 1863, *m.* George Newell. They had four children; Etta, Harry, Dasie, and Louis.

\* Pictured, p. 104.



3F3 Sarah Ausmus, *b.* about 1866, *m.* George W. M. Smith. They had three children; John M., Edith, and Adelbert.

3F4 James Shadarack Ausmus, *b.* December 1, 1869 in Illinois, *d.* August 5, 1933 at Petty, Texas, *m.* Emma Moss, *b.* 1874 at Wichita, Kansas, *d.* October, 1899. They had three children.

4F1 Cora Ruth Ausmus, *b.* September 7, 1894, *d.* September 21, 1944.

4F2 Minnie Olive Ausmus, *b.* May 8, 1896, *d.* July 16, 1946.



2F14 JOHN BRATTON AUSMUS (left) and Brother  
2F15 ANDREW JACKSON AUSEMUS (right).

4F3 Phillip G. Ausmus, *b.* May 1, 1898, *m.* Gracie May Hopper, *b.* November 14, 1906 in Muskogee County, Oklahoma, *d.* July 7, 1961 in Greek County, Oklahoma, in an automobile accident. Phillip, when about 10 years old, added Grover for a middle name and the "G" for Grover is not a birth name.

5F1 Geneva May Ausmus, *b.* June 8, 1923 in Lincoln County, Oklahoma, *m.* Douglas Wilson Cranford, *b.* July 19, 1918.

5F2 Emma LaVerne Ausmus, *b.* December 8, 1927 in Lincoln County, Oklahoma, *m.* Garth Dalton Cranford, *b.* July 4, 1923. He is a brother to Douglas who married Geneva. They have five children; (1) July Loraine,



*b.* July 16, 1945; (2) Peggy Louise, *b.* February 18, 1950; (3) Perry Ross, *b.* June 18, 1953; (4) Barbara Lee, *b.* September 28, 1955; (5) Raymond Kelly, *b.* February 17, 1957.

5F3 J. R. Ausmus (initial name only, but is called Jim), *b.* July 30, 1920 in Tulsa County, Oklahoma, *m.* Alice Pauline Strickling, *b.* May 16, 1913, in Troy, Ohio. They have one daughter, Phyllis Charline, *b.* July 1, 1943, *m.* ———.

3F5 Julia Ausmus, *b.* about 1872, *m.* Cash C. Crider. They have three children; Earl, John and Zena.

3F6 Benjamin Ausmus, *b.* about 1875. He was killed while hunting, at the age of 17.

3F7 Nellie Ausmus, *b.* about 1878, *m.* (1) Joseph Walk, *b.* ———, *d.* December 23, 1910. They had five children; Lula, Jula (twins), Goldie, Coila, and Chanucie. Nellie's *m.* (2) Jim McCown. They had one son, Lloyd, *b.* 1919.

2F15 Andrew Jackson Ausmus,\* *b.* December 30, 1842 in Morgan County, Illinois, *d.* April 12, 1914, *m.* Lucinda E. Henderson, *b.* February 22, 1843 in Arcadia, Illinois, *d.* October 3, 1925. They were married March 11, 1862 in Jacksonville, Illinois and the name was stated as Ausmus. It is said that he traded a farm for a team of good horses and his wife became so angry that she made him move to Cherokee, Kansas and change the name to Ausemus. They had five children; all went by the name of Ausemus.

3F1 Charles Henderson Ausemus, *b.* December 30, 1862 at Concord, in Morgan County, Illinois; *d.* May 2, 1937; *m.* Avalena Stockton, August 8, 1894. She was born August 29, 1875. They lie buried in Cherokee Cemetery, Cherokee, Kansas. They had three children.

4F1 Daisy Dean Ausemus, *b.* June 17, 1895, in Jacksonville, Illinois; *d.* December 2, 1909. She is buried in Cherokee Cemetery, Cherokee, Kansas.

4F2 Dora Ellen Ausmus, *b.* 1903, *d.* 1926. She was born in Jacksonville, Illinois and buried in Cherokee, Kansas.

4F3 (Baby Boy) Ausemus, *b.* 1900; born dead.

3F2 James Elmer Ausemus, *b.* October 1, 1864 in Concord, Illinois; *d.* October 1, 1923 in Cherokee, Kansas; *m.* Addie Jane Rex, *b.* August 20,

\* Pictured, p. 104.



1869 in Muscantine, Ohio, *d.* June 5, 1948 in Cherokee, Kansas. She was the daughter of Jacob Howard Rex and Julia Ann Bell Rex.

4F1 Carl F. Ausemus, *b.* January 17, 1889 in Cherokee, Kansas; *d.* June 1944; *m.* Emma Armstrong, *b.* July 22, 1888. She was the daughter of Alpheus and Alice Long Armstrong. They had eleven children.

5F1 Bertha Irene, *b.* September 3, 1911 in Cherokee, Kansas; *m.* Elmer K. Stone, *b.* 1907. They have two children: (1) Howard E., *b.* June 1930, (2) Jimmie D., *b.* June, 1936. Both were born at Karval, Colorado.

5F2 Helen G., *b.* September 13, 1913 in Cherokee, Kansas; *m.* James Russell, *b.* April 12, 1905. They have five children: (1) Maxine, *b.* February 2, 1927; (2) Pearl, *b.* 1928; (3) Wilma, *b.* December 26, 1929; (4) Viola, *b.* November 4, 1931; (5) Jo Ann, *b.* November 9, 1936. All were born at Hiattville, Kansas.

5F3 James A. Ausemus, *b.* July 14, 1914 in Hiattville, Kansas; *m.* Ann O'Connor, *b.* 1919.

6F1 Connie Ann, *b.* 1945 in California.

6F2 Cynthia Nell, *b.* 1954 in California.

6F3 James Dean, *b.* 1958 in California.

5F4 Earl F. Ausemus, *b.* September 26, 1916.

5F5 Kenneth A. Ausemus, *b.* April 15, 1918 in Hiattville, Kansas; *m.* Irene Wheeler. They have one child, Judith Fay, *b.* 1941 in Pittsburg, Kansas.

5F6 Chester H. Ausemus, *b.* June 26, 1920 in Hiattville, Kansas; *m.* Ilene Howell, *b.* 1924.

6F1 James D., *b.* July 23, 1944 in Girard, Kansas.

6F2 Fred W., *b.* June 6, 1946 in Hepler, Kansas.

6F3 Arlene, *b.* January 15, 1956 in Hepler, Kansas.

5F7 Addie Lavon Ausemus, *b.* November 23, 1922; *m.* Curtis L. Fosberg, in Wichita, Kansas. They have one son, Curtis Keith, *b.* December 25, 1943.

5F8 Elsie E. Ausemus, *b.* September 14, 1924; *m.* Albert Montee. They have three children: (1) Roger, *b.* May 7, 1948; (2) Michael Carl, *b.* May 17, 1952; (3) Shawn, *b.* August, 1958. All were born at Pendleton, Idaho.

5F9 Sadie Lucille Ausemus, *b.* August 4, 1927; *m.* (1) William Steward. They had one child, Pamella Sue. *m.* (2) Andrew G. McDaniel, *b.* 1928. They had two children: (1) Deborah Gale, *b.* 1952, (2) DeAnna Lynn, *b.* May 18, 1954 in Pittsburg, Kansas.

5F10 Harold Lee Roy Ausemus, *b.* May 17, 1930; *m.* Eileen Shanke in 1950. They had two children.

6F1 Terry Kay, *b.* November 9, 1951 in Crawford County, Kansas.

6F2 Janet Lea, *b.* May 27, 1954 in Crawford County, Kansas.

5F11 Jessie Mae Ausemus, *b.* December 24, 1931; *m.* Gerald W. Neville, *b.* June, 1928. They have three children: (1) Gerold W., *b.* August 10, 1951; (2) Larry M., *b.* July 19, 1952; (3) Julia Anne, *b.* September 22, 1957 in Girard, Kansas.

4F2 Ada Hettie Ausemus, *b.* October 18, 1891 in Cherokee, Kansas; *m.* April 28, 1915 to Arthur Hamilton Armstrong, *b.* April 17, 1886. He is a brother to Carl's wife, Emma. They have three children: (1) Rex, *b.* March 4, 1916; *m.* Lillian Hubbard; (2) Roy, *b.* February 18, 1918; *m.* Elizabeth McDonald; (3) Alice Adeline, *b.* July 12, 1920, *m.* Leonard Edward Roberts.

4F3 Elmer Rex Ausemus, *b.* January 22, 1895 in Cherokee, Kansas; *m.* September 3, 1919 to Wincel Juanita Crocker, *b.* August 19, 1898. She is the daughter of Otto and Ora Peel Crocker of Cherokee, Kansas. Elmer lived on a farm in southeastern Kansas until October 2, 1917, when he entered the United States Army during World War I. After 22 months in the infantry, he entered the State University of Manhattan, Kansas. He received a B.S. degree in Agriculture in 1923 and an M.S. degree from the State College of Washington, Pullman, Washington in 1924. He is listed in the *Who's Who of America*. He was Agronomist for the U.S.D.A. at Mandon, North Dakota from 1925 until 1929, doing experimental work on the breeding of improved varieties of wheat, oats, and barley. On July 1, 1929, the U.S.D.A. transferred him to the University of Minnesota, where his work has been on the development of improved varieties of spring and winter wheat. In the meantime, he obtained his Ph.D degree in Genetics in 1932. He has been in charge of wheat breeding at the University of Minnesota since 1934 and Leader for the Spring Wheat Region since 1950. He has been a professor in the Agronomy and Plant Genetics Department of the University of Minnesota since 1947. His research has resulted in the number of papers published on agronomy and genetics of the wheat plant with particular reference to the inheritance



of rust resistance. During this time he has traveled over much of the wheat area of the United States, Canada and Mexico studying problems in wheat improvement. He has graduate students from many countries of the world. Elmer and his wife have been active in the Methodist Church and have held many offices in the local societies and organizations to which they belong. They have one son.

5F1 Donald Keith, *b.* May 26, 1930 in St. Paul, Minnesota, *m.* Joan Mary Ann Dehner, October 2, 1954. Donald graduated with an Educa-



4F4 LLOYD ANDREW AUSEMUS, grandson of 2F15 Andrew Jackson Ausmus.

tion Major from the Utah State College, Logan, Utah in 1952. He served three and one-half years in the U.S. Air Force. He is now teaching in the St. Paul High School system and working on his Master of Science degree from Macalester College.

4F4 Lloyd Andrew Ausemus,\* *b.* June 5, 1904 in Cherokee, Kansas; *m.* December 25, 1927 in Burdett, Kansas, to Anna Lois Ragle, the daughter of Robert Lucian and Clara Viola Garrison Ragle. Robert was a descendant of James Ragle, born 1780 in Tennessee. He was a great Indian fighter. His son, Peter Ragle, married Margaret Wordsworth. She was a descendant of William Wordsworth, who came to Massachusetts in 1632. Lloyd is in the General Insurance business. He keeps busy, since he has

\* Pictured, p. 108.



more business than he can take care of as he would like to. Lloyd and Lois take an active part in all civic activities. Lloyd's grandfather, Andrew Jackson Ausemus, copied the names and dates of birth from the Philip Ausemus, Jr. Bible in 1880, which helped in the compilation of his progeny for this history. Lloyd and Lois have two children.

5F1 Margaret Colleen, *b.* July 11, 1929 at Pittsburg, Kansas; *m.* Otto Leon Hollingsworth August 12, 1948. He was born May 30, 1924 in Quincy, Kansas. They have two children, (1) Lucinda Ann, *b.* March 23, 1955 in Newton, Kansas; (2) Jon Daniel, *b.* August 16, 1960 in Newton, Kansas.

5F2 Stanley Ragle Ausemus, *b.* January 14, 1935 in Madison, Kansas. He graduated from the University of Kansas, and is now a senior law student at the University. He is a very handsome and a versatile student. He will either go into the practice of law or become a partner with his parents in the insurance business.

3F3 Sarah E. Ausemus, *b.* October 6, 1866 in Concord, Illinois, *d.* April, 1938. She never married.

3F4 Benjamin Ausemus, *b.* October 20, 1869, *d.* 1872 in Concord, Illinois.

3F5 Mary Olive Ausemus, *b.* April 29, 1875 in Arcadia, Illinois, *d.* January 26, 1925. She never married.



## Five Ausmus Families Nonrelated

1. Stephen Ausmus, Salt Lake City, Utah; born in Holland.
2. Another Ausmus line was founded at Fort Morgan, Colorado about 1900 by a direct importation of a Jacob Ausmus from Southern Russia, although of German origin.
3. Henry Asmus came directly from Hanover, Germany to Blue Island, Illinois and changed the name to Ausmus. He had a son, Fred Ausmus, Sr. born June 5, 1865 in Germany, who married Emma Krueger, born in Minnesota. From this family are the following: William Ausmus, Albert Ausmus, George Ausmus, Fred Ausmus Jr., and Clarence Joseph Ausmus, *b.* October 8, 1904 in Pine City, Minnesota, *m.* Rose Spalicky, *b.* December 19, 1909 in Pine City, Minnesota. They have the following two sons; Duane G. Ausmus, *b.* July 15, 1939 and Lester Clarence Ausmus, *b.* December 1, 1927 in Pine City, *m.* Lorraine Lewis, *b.* December 21, 1927 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Les, as he is known, and Lorraine, have the following children; James, *b.* July 20, 1949 at Mora, Minnesota; Kenneth, *b.* May 30, 1950; Beverly, *b.* April 8, 1952; Marilyn, *b.* March 21, 1953, and Wayne, *b.* August 29, 1958 at Sandetone, Minnesota. Lester owns and operates the Ausmus Furniture and Appliance Store at Hinckley, Minnesota.
4. William Adam Assmus or Ausmus. He signed his name both ways even though the name at Ywengenbergh Hessen Darmstadt, Germany was Assmus. He and his wife had one son, William Assmus, now living at Massillon, Ohio. William Adam Assmus married the second time to Catherine Nicholas and they had two sons, Fred and Reinhardt. Fred went by the name of Ausmus in Cleveland, Ohio, where he was born in 1895. He was killed by a farm tractor. He had a large family. Reinhardt\* was born July 26, 1896. He designed and built an airplane† in 1910. He flew his first flight in 1912. He was injured in World War I so severely that it terminated his flying career. He is active in the American Legion Post at Sandusky, Ohio. He has received all kinds

\* Pictured p. 111.

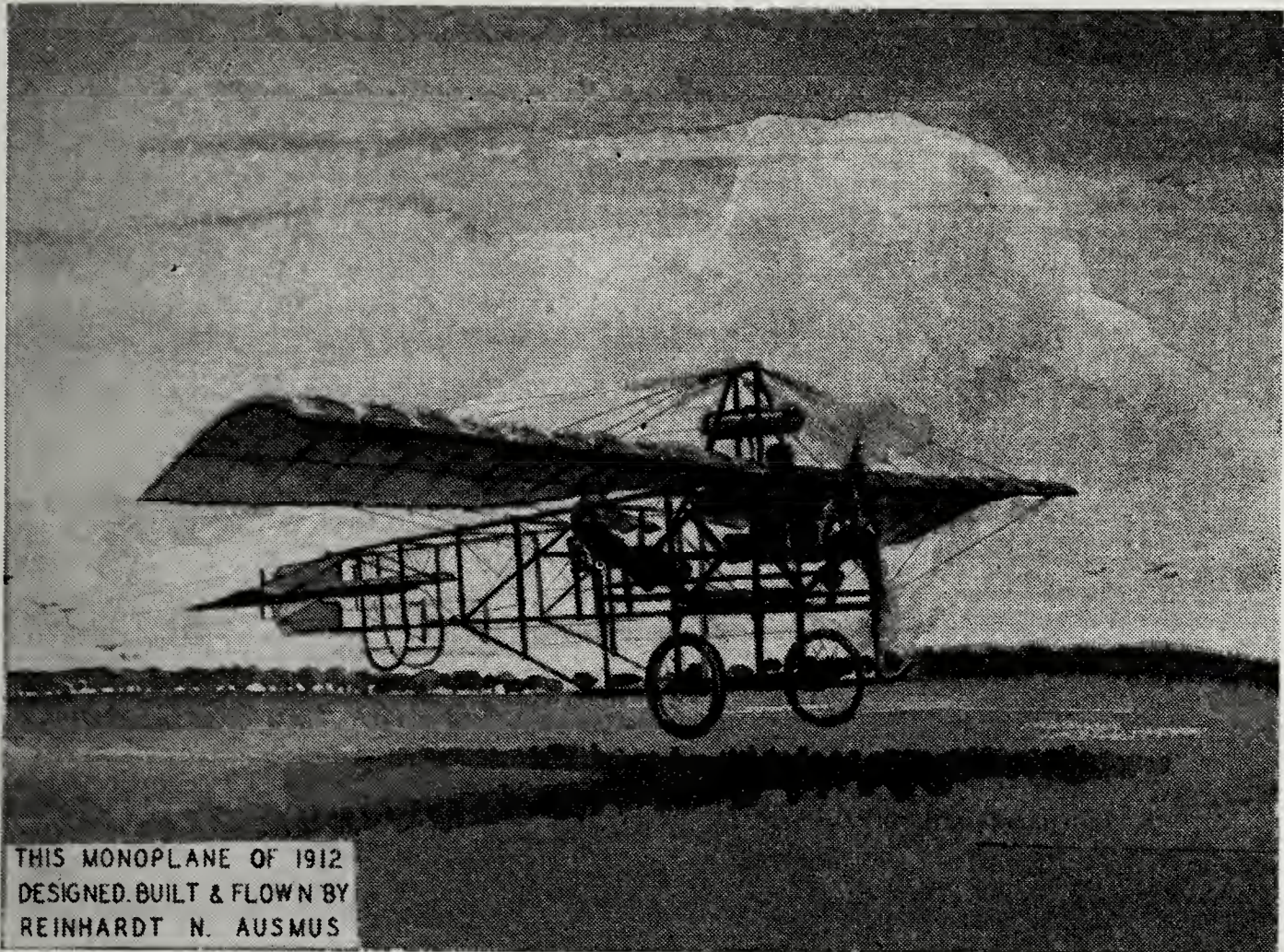
† Was age 14 when he built his first plane.





**REINHARDT N. AUSMUS**  
(Early Birds)

(Below) Airplane built by  
R. N. Ausmus, 1910-1912.





of citations. He is a member of the Early Birds. There are many worthwhile things that could be said about his many civic affairs he has headed up in Sandusky, Ohio.

5. Augustus D. Asmus, changed to Ausmus, was born in Germany July 2, 1847, died in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania August 21, 1879, *m.* Elizabeth Breitwieser, born July 28, 1852 near Darmstadt, Germany, died October 1, 1881. They came to Pennsylvania about 1867. Their children were: (1). Adam, *b.* ———, (2). George, *b.* November 13, 1871 in Chambersburg, Penn., *d.* March 28, 1947, *m.* Anna Margaret Fishburn of Scotland, Penn. She was born May 1, 1870, *d.* April 28, 1948 in Chambersburg. They had two daughters, (1) Hilda Katherine Ausmus, *b.* July 15, 1895, (2) Janet May Ausmus, *b.* November 11, 1897, both born in Chambersburg. They are schoolteachers in the Harrisburg, Penn. school system; (3) Charles Andrew Ausmus, who married and had one daughter. They all died in Michigan; (4). Katherine (Katie) Ausmus, *b.* in Chambersburg, October 17, 1875, *d.* October 16, 1881. Janet Ausmus of Chambersburg, Penn. furnished this information.

















